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November 21, 1960

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Dear Mrs. [REDACTED]

Your letter dated November 14, 1960, has been received.

Although I would like to be of service, the FBI has not investigated the group you named, and I cannot help you. I hope you will not infer in this connection, however, that this is either a clearance or nonclearance of the organization in question.

Enclosed are publications on the subject of communism available for general distribution by the FBI which you may find of interest.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Enclosures (6)

What You Can Do To Fight Communism
Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality
17th National Convention, CP USA
Director's Speech 10-18-60
Communism: The Bitter Enemy of Religion
Communist Target--Youth

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November 14, 1960

United States Department of Justice
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington 25, D. C.

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Dear Mr. Hoover,

I am interested in finding out any particulars about the John Birch Society.
Is this in any way subversive? Can you give me any information about
this group?

I have considered joining because I understand that they are interested
in fighting Communism.

Very Sincerely yours,



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Houston 6, Texas

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CORRESPONDENCE

November 23, 1960

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Mr. [redacted]
Post Office Box [redacted]
Longview, Texas

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Dear Mr. [redacted]

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Your letter dated November 15, 1960, has
been received.

I am glad to know of your desire to help combat
the growing menace of communism, and enclosed are publi-
cations which I hope you will find of interest. Certainly, an
aroused and enlightened citizenry is needed if we are to defend
our democratic way of life against the subversive forces facing
us today.

I am unable, however, to answer your specific
inquiries since the FBI is strictly an investigative agency of
the Federal Government and, as such, does not make evaluations
or draw conclusions as to the character or integrity of any
organization, publication or individual. I hope you will under-
stand my position and will not infer that this constitutes a
clearance or nonclearance of the groups in question.

Sincerely yours,
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John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Enclosures (7)

Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality

Director's Speech of 10-18-60

March, 1960, LEB Introduction & 17th Convention CPUSA

Communism: The Bitter Enemy of Religion

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Expose of Soviet Espionage
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Mr.

NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles. The John Birch Society is allegedly an anticommunist organization with branches over the various parts of the country. This organization was founded by Robert Welch in Indianapolis, Indiana, in December, 1958. Our field offices have been alerted to watch its activities inasmuch as its head, Robert, Welch, indicated at one time that he thought a group having the appearance of a front organization might be effective in attracting true subversives. Welch has also made bitter attacks in the past on President Eisenhower and his administration in his writings. The League of Women Voters of the United States has not been investigated by the Bureau. Information has been received that a relatively few of its national officers have been connected with various organizations of a communist nature; however, we have had no information to indicate that the group is either communist influenced or controlled. (100-412579) Above reply has been given in the past relative to the League of Women Voters. Since correspondent is making inquiry concerning both this group and the John Birch Society, above reply would seem to best serve the Bureau interests.

Box Longview, Texas

November 15, 1960

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Office of J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

During the past few weeks we have had several people approach us in this area about the possibility of becoming members of and supporting the program of an organization called The John Birch Society. This organization purports to be primarily concerned with combating the spread of Communism in our country and abroad through the use of an organization of cells for instruction political meetings. I have read some of their literature and have talked with a number of people who are presently supporting their program, but the results have been inconclusive. It appears from this cursory examination that this organization has some radical elements and in some areas is very extreme. However, I felt that it would be appropriate to solicit your advice regarding this organization and ask you to provide me with whatever data you might have concerning the history of The John Birch Society and the background of the people primarily concerned with its operation. I would also appreciate an indication of the feeling of the people in your organization as to whether this society is beneficial to our country and if it is one to which a person who is interested in the security of our nation should become connected.

One of the things which has disturbed me among the things which I have heard from the people now supporting the John Birch Society, is their criticism of the League of Women voters. It is their contention that the League of Women voters is too liberal and is primarily an organization whose objectives are the furtherance of the principles of the more liberal elements of the Democratic party. This accusation is to be expected from the true conservatives in our part of the country since, by far, the large majority of the people are members of the Democratic party and are prone to support the ideals and the platforms which some of the rest of us feel are too liberal. However, I have seen no reason to feel that these people are too radical in their approach and I do not know what reputation this organization enjoys on a national basis. Therefore, I would appreciate your opinion on the same matters as requested concerning The John Birch Society regarding the objectives and the people involved.

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November 15, 1960

Office of J. Edgar Hoover

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In addition to the information which I have requested concerning these two specific organizations, I would be very interested in knowing what steps your department feels that the public can take in educating the general citizenry in the dangers to our democratic system from the threats of Communism and Socialism, and if there are any particular publications or organizations which would assist us in our desires to protect the American way of Life.

I appreciate very much your interest in my request and I will look forward to hearing from you at your earliest convenience.

Yours very truly,

[Redacted Signature]

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Tyler, Texas

November 23, 1960

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Houston 35, Texas

Dear Mr. [REDACTED]

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Your letter postmarked November 15, 1960, has been received.

Although I would like to be of service, the FBI has not investigated the group you named, and I am unable to be of aid. Please do not infer, however, in this connection that this constitutes a clearance or nonclearance of the organization in question.

Enclosed are publications on the subject of communism available for general distribution by the FBI which you may find of interest.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Enclosures (6)

Director's Speech 10-18-60

Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality

Introduction March, 1960 LEB & 17th National Convention CP, USA

What You Can Do To Fight Communism

Communist Target--Youth

Expose of Soviet Espionage

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Houston 35, Texas.

Honorable J. Edgar Hoover,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr Hoover;

O. I am anxious to learn more about a society called, "The John
Burch Society" organized in Indianapolis, Indiana on December 9th., 1960.

I am not interested in affiliation with this society. Some
of my acquaintances are being solicited for membership and I would like
to know more about its origin, the reasons for same, its principals,
its ambitions, the historic character if that is available in can be
divulged of its founders.

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Forgive me if I am asking for information that you feel I
should not have. I am a simple American Citizen, not easily swept off
my feet by fanaticism. I just want to know more about this "SOCIETY"
in order that I may have a ready and good answer for not affiliating
when and if I am solicited, if I should desire not to affiliate.

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100% American, Like I believe you to be,

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[Redacted]
Amarillo, Texas

Dear Mr. [Redacted]

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Your letter of November 15, 1960, has been received, and the interest which prompted you to write is indeed appreciated.

While I would like to be of assistance regarding your inquiry, the FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government, and does not furnish evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. I can advise you, however, that the organization you mentioned has not been the subject of an investigation by this Bureau, but this should not be construed as a clearance or nonclearance by the FBI.

We do not distribute or maintain a list such as you described; however, a list of organizations which have been cited by the Attorney General pursuant to Executive Order 10450 can be obtained by writing to the Subversive Organizations Section, Internal Security Division, United States Department of Justice, Washington, D.C. In view of your concern, I am enclosing some material which may be of interest to you.

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Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Enclosures (4)

- _____ Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality
- Belmont _____ One Nation's Response to Communism
- Callahan _____ Expose of Soviet Espionage
- DeLoach _____ Communist Target--Youth
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November 15, 1960

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I have been invited to join the John Birch Society and have checked into its operations on a local level. It appears that they are organized for a good American cause, but one never knows these days for sure. It is requested that you advise me if this organization is on your subversive list. ||

I shall hold up joining this organization until I receive your reply.

Yours very truly,

[Redacted Signature]

Amarillo, Texas

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Dear Mr. [Redacted]

Your letter of November 14, 1960, with enclosure, has been received, and the interest which prompted you to write is appreciated.

Although I would like to be of service, this Bureau has conducted no investigation regarding the individual and publication about which you inquired, and I am unable to be of assistance to you. This should not, however, be construed as a clearance or nonclearance by the FBI.

Enclosed is some material concerning the general subject of communism which may be of interest, and I am also enclosing the self-addressed, stamped envelope which you thoughtfully forwarded.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Enclosures (7)

correspondent's envelope
Director's 10-18-60 speech
3-1-60 LEB Introduction & 17th National Convention
Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality
One Nation's Response to Communism
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NOTE: No record Bufiles identifiable with correspondent. The John Birch Society, founded by Robert Welch of Belmont, Massachusetts, is purported to be an anticommunist organization. We have not investigated the group. "American Opinion" formerly "One Man's Opinion" is published irregularly by Welch. It is a magazine consisting of reviews of current topics by various authors and comments by Welch. Many articles are anticommunist.

[Redacted]
Methuen, Mass.
November 14, 1960

J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.
My Dear Mr. Hoover:

For the past three years I have been reading, regularly, a magazine called American Opinion. This magazine began as One Man's Opinion, published by Robert Welch of Belmont, Massachusetts. It then became American Opinion, published by the same man only he had a board of advisors, etc.

I have great faith in this man and his writings. I also have great faith in some of his reporters: William Schlamm, J. B. Mathews, Revilo P. Oliver.

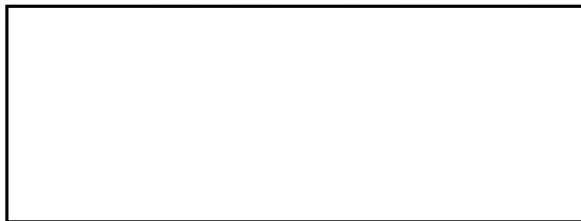
My wife thinks Robert Welch is a Communist or has Communist leanings. I think he is trying to wake up America to the facts of world affairs.

I would appreciate it if you would inform me as to whether or not American Opinion is a Communist-inspired magazine or if it really is the anti-Communist magazine it claims to be.

Enclosed you will find a self-addressed, stamped envelope in which I would appreciate your promptest reply:

Thanking you very much for your cooperation in this matter,
I remain

Very truly yours,



Methuen, Mass.

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NOTE CONTINUED The John Birch Society was organized by Robert Welch in December, 1958, at Indianapolis, Indiana. It is allegedly an anticommunist organization with branches over various parts of the country. SAC letter 60-5 calls this organization to the attention of the field and instructs them that any information on their activities should be furnished to the Bureau.

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[Redacted Address]

North Syracuse 12, New York

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Dear Major [Redacted Name]

Your letter dated November 14, 1960, has been received.

I am glad to know of your desire to combat the growing menace of communism, and enclosed are publications available for distribution by the FBI which offer citizens suggestions as to how they can defend our democratic way of life against the subversive forces facing us today. I am unable as a matter of policy to recommend to you any additional specific publication, and you will, no doubt, appreciate my position.

With reference to your other inquiry, I wish to advise that the FBI has not investigated the group you named, and I cannot be of help. I hope, however, you will not infer in this connection that this constitutes a clearance or nonclearance of the organization in question.

Sincerely yours,

To Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Letter to Major

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14 November 1960

Honorable J. Edgar Hoover
Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation
U.S. Department of Justice
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I am an Air Force Officer, and while on a recent leave in my home town of Columbus, Ohio, I was invited by a friend to attend a meeting sponsored by an anti-communist organization in that city. The meeting consisted of a filmed presentation of a speech given by a Mr. Robert Welch, representing an organization called the John Birch Society. The picture this man painted of the success and extent of the Communist conspiracy in our country was truly startling. Especially shocking to me were the veiled and indirect accusations of treason regarding prominent individuals whom I have always thought of as outstanding and loyal Americans.

I decided that if what this man had to say was true, then I was duty-bound as a loyal citizen to do everything in my power to help fight this menace, especially through organized and concerted action such as that offered by his organization. Although I did not doubt the sincerity of this man I was not fully convinced that the success of communist subversion could be as great as he claimed without more people being aware of it and doing something about it. Therefore, I felt that my first obligation was to educate myself in every way possible on this subject.

I am writing you this letter, sir, in the hope that you might furnish me with a list of books, pamphlets and sources of information from which I might gain a first-hand knowledge of communist activities. I hesitated to take up your valuable time in this manner, but I was encouraged to do so in the belief that you may have such information readily available for distribution as a result of similar requests from other people. Most of all I felt that this matter is important enough to justify going directly to you in order that I may be sure of getting started in the right direction.

I am not wholly ignorant of the aims and methods of Communism, and in this regard I am especially familiar with your book, "Masters of Deceit". What I am seeking is first-hand information and evidence of the extent and success of Communism as claimed by Mr. Welch. I am thinking especially of such evidence as would be available through the government printing office (sworn testimony before the Un-American Activities Committee, etc.)

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I am one of those who was never really convinced that Senator Joe McCarthy was not on the right track, and now I am more uncertain than ever. I simply must try to settle my own doubts and act accordingly.

If you can take a few moments from your heavy responsibilities and busy schedule to answer my simple request, I shall be most grateful.

Respectfully yours



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November 25, 1960

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Little Rock, Arkansas

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Dear Mrs. [REDACTED]

Your letter postmarked November 18, 1960, has been received, and the interest which prompted you to write is appreciated.

Although I would like to be of service, this Bureau has conducted no investigation regarding the organization about which you inquired, and I am unable to be of assistance to you. This should not, however, be construed as a clearance or non-clearance of this organization by the FBI. Enclosed is some material concerning the general subject of communism which may be of interest.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Enclosures (5)

17th National Convention CPUSA & 3-60 LEB Introduction
Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality
One Nation's Response to Communism
Communist Target--Youth
Expose of Soviet Espionage

NOTE: No record Bufiles identifiable with Correspondent. The John Birch Society was founded by Robert Welch of Belmont, Massachusetts, and is purported to be an anticommunist organization. We have conducted no investigation regarding it.

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November 14, 1960

Little Rock, Arkansas

Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir;

My husband and I have been invited to join an organization called the John Birch Society, whose stated purpose is to promote Americanism and conservatism.

This organization encourages its members to read conservative books, such as Senator Barry Goldwaters' book; protest certain movies, such as "Inherit the Wind"; and to write our congressmen on various affairs, such as the promoting of J. Edgar Hoover to Attorney General, among other things. They are also showing a film entitled "Communism on the Map".

Outwardly, these activities seem harmless enough to the American way of life, but we feel that because so many subversive organizations seem innocent enough at first, that we should contact the F.B.I. before becoming involved.

We would appreciate your comment before joining.

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

Mrs.
Mrs.

[Redacted Signature]

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[Redacted]
Columbus 11, Ohio

Dear Mr. [Redacted]

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Your letter postmarked November 11, 1960, has been received, and I have noted your kind comment.

In response to your inquiry, I must advise that the jurisdiction and responsibilities of the FBI do not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. The FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not issue clearances or nonclearances.

I am sure you will understand the necessity for this policy and will not infer that we do or do not have in our files the information you desire.

I am enclosing some literature on the topic of communism which may be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,

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John Edgar Hoover
Director

Enclosures (5)

NOTE ON YELLOW:

Correspondent requests information concerning the John Birch Society. He desires to know whether or not the Director approves of the organization. Bufiles contain no identifiable data concerning the correspondent. He states "Thank you for your advise and God bless you and the entire bureau for at least four more years."

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The John Birch Society and its founder, Robert Welch, have not been the subjects of an investigation by the Bureau. Welch and his organization have been very critical of President Eisenhower and his administration. (62-104401)

The following items of literature were sent to the correspondent:

1. "What you can do to Fight Communism and Preserve America."
2. "America - Freedom's Champion."
3. "One Nation's Response to Communism."
4. "How to Beat Communism."
5. "Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality."

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J. Edgar Hoover
Director
Federal Bureau of
Investigation
Washington, D. C.

[Redacted]
Columbus 11, Ohio

Dear Mr. Hoover,

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Although I am sure the bureau must be unusually pressed after the election I must make this request. Most certainly the answer can be at your convenience as I am in no hurry. I do request you answer personally if at all feasible to do so.

Like many loyal Americans I am contemplating active member participation in the John Birch Society whose aims are to win the battle against the communists. They seem a bit radical in their action, yet I cannot see how they can be otherwise to actually win the battle. I have recently completed some major responsibilities and if I join this group I'll give it all my heart and energy plus my intelligence. Members are free to act as they wish and need not follow their "recommended" action 100%. Please advise me as to the F.B.I.'s feelings about this group; whether or not, in your judgement, they are a loyal american - anti-communist group that can aid our country and preserve what we have so dearly paid for - our freedom. I am a World War II, marine corps veteran and have held a successfully more senior executive position since graduating from Ohio University in 1950. Importantly, I am in a position to be a very good help in the John Birch effort should I elect to do so. Your answer will be extremely important to me and many of my friends both in the Society and those contemplating entrance to the group. Thank you for your advise and God bless you and the entire bureau for at least four more years.

Cordially yours,

/s/

[Redacted]
Columbus, Ohio

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J. Edgar Hoover
Director

Federal Bureau of
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Washington, D. C.

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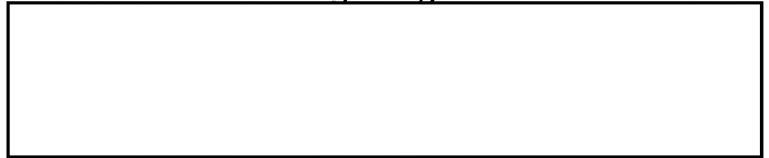
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Am a marine corps veteran and have held
a successfully man senior executive
position since graduating from Ohio
University in 1950. Importantly, I
am in a position to be a very
good help in the John Birch effort
should I elect to do so. Your
answer will be extremely important to
me and many of my friends both
in the Society and those contemplating
entrance to the group. Thank you
for your advice and God bless
you and the entire Bureau for at
least four more years.

Cordially yours,



Columbus, Ohio

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November 23, 1960

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Houston 25, Texas

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Dear Mrs. [redacted]
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Your letter dated November 10, 1960, has been received, and the interest which prompted your communication is indeed appreciated.

In response to your inquiries, I must advise that the jurisdiction and responsibilities of the FBI do not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. The FBI which is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government does not issue clearances or nonclearances. I am sure you will understand the necessity for this policy and will not infer that we do or do not have in our files the information you desire.

In view of your interest in the communist menace to our country, I am enclosing some literature on this topic which may be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,



John Edgar Hoover
Director

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NOTE ON YELLOW:

Correspondent advises that she has been invited to join the John Birch Society. She requests information concerning the John Birch Society, "The Reporter," and "Human Events." Bufiles reveal that Mr. and Mrs. [REDACTED] of Houston, Texas, were given a tour of the Bureau on June 28, 1937. (94-2-3703)

The John Birch Society and its founder Robert Welch have not been the subjects of an investigation by the Bureau. Welch and his organization have been very critical of President Eisenhower and his administration. (62-104401)

Bufiles reveal that "The Reporter" magazine has been characterized as a "liberal" forthrightly magazine of facts and ideas started in 1949. This magazine has not been investigated by the Bureau. "The Reporter" has in the past carried articles critical of the Bureau. (100-364570)

Bufiles reveal that "Human Events" is a newsletter published in Washington, D. C., which generally is critical of the Soviet Union and communism. This publication has not been investigated by the Bureau. (105-8697)

The following items of literature were sent to the correspondent:

1. "What You Can Do to Fight Communism and Preserve America."
2. "Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality."
3. Reprint from "FBI Law Enforcement Bulletin," March, 1960, with "An Analysis of the 17th National Convention of the CPUSA."
4. "One Nation's Response to Communism," Sept. 1960.
5. "America - Freedom's Champion."

TRUE COPY

[REDACTED]
Houston 25, Texas

November 10, 1960.

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover.
Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation,

Dear Mr. Hoover,

My husband and I are very interested in the fight against communism, especially since reading your book "Masters of Deceit."

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We have been invited to join a study group of The John Birch Society. We would like to know just how you feel about this Society. Also are anxious to know about a magazine that is being sent to my husband - The name is The Reporter. it is unlike any magazine we have ever read. WE would like to know too about the publication "Human Events"

Mr. [REDACTED] and I are new in this type of work but not young in years. WE lost a son, West Point graduate, in World War II. and have a son in the army now, serving as a doctor - so you see WE would love to do our bit if only to help some other parents and sons.

Thanking you, I am Sincerely
/s/ [REDACTED]
(Mrs [REDACTED])

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Mr. Mohr	✓
Mr. Parsons	
Mr. Belmont	
Mr. Callahan	
Mr. DeLoach	✓
Mr. Malone	
Mr. McGuire	
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Houston 25, Texas

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REPUBLIC NATIONAL BANK
OF DALLAS
DALLAS 22, TEXAS

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Mr. Parsons	
Mr. Belmont	✓
Mr. Callahan	✓
Mr. DeLoach	✓
Mr. Malone	
Mr. McGuire	
Mr. Rosen	✓
Mr. Tamm	✓
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Mr. W.C. Sullivan	
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Mr. Ingram	
Miss Gandy	

November 21, 1960

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington 25, D. C.

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Dear Mr. Hoover:

Thank you very much for your letter of November 14 and enclosures, which are very interesting indeed. I do have opportunities to make speeches on American Citizenship and the material that you have sent me will be extremely helpful in the preparation of those talks.

I am sure I voice the opinion of all loyal Americans in expressing to you my appreciation as one citizen, of the splendid work being conducted by your office in the interest of a stronger America.

Sincerely,

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (62-104401)

DATE: 11/14/60

FROM : SAC, DALLAS (100-10402)

SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
INFORMATION CONCERNING

On 11/2/60, Mrs. [redacted]

[redacted] Dallas, Texas, advised that the JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY has three paid coordinators in Dallas, Texas, at the present time with TOM WILL being one of these coordinators. It was Mrs. [redacted]

[redacted] belief that the JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY currently has 20 chapters in Dallas. She was unable to give the membership of any persons in the JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY, except the name of Mrs. [redacted]

[redacted] who resides on [redacted] in Dallas. Mrs. [redacted] made available a "Research Report" from the Fact Research Service, Inc., 179 North Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, on the JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY. A letter from this organization to Mrs. [redacted] dated 10/10/60 gives the following documentation of the JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY. The letter quoted from the "Chicago Daily News" in an article entitled "Bares Secret of Red-Faters," by JONATHAN MELEY, 7/25/60, page three:

"The John Birch Society is an organization of ultra-conservatives, banded together to fight communism in America.

"It is not a secret society in the normal sense of the word, but it tries to avoid publicity. Until this moment, it has been successful.

"The head--and absolute head--of the John Birch Society is Robert Welch, of Boston. The society has members in every state and active chapters in half of the states. There are ten chapters in the Chicago area.

"The goal is a million active members.

"With its announced program of fighting communism, the society has attracted thousands of well-meaning, conscientious men and women throughout the country.

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"Here is an exact quote from the book: 'While I too think that Milton Eisenhower is a Communist, and has been for 30 years, this opinion is based largely on general circumstances of his conduct. But my firm belief that Dwight Eisenhower is a dedicated, conscious agent of the Communist conspiracy is based on an accumulation of detailed evidence so extensive that it seems to me to put this conviction beyond any reasonable doubt.'

"He says also of the President '... there is only one possible word to describe his purposes and actions. That word is treason.'

"The immediate reaction on confronting this writing is to dismiss it as the work of a crackpot. However, the circumstances of Welch's position and influence dictate further examination...'

"We further quote from the Chicago Daily News, 'Strange Threat To Democracy', by John Habley, July 27, 1960, page 1.

"Robert Welch, the leader of thousands of conservative Americans in the John Birch Society, not only believes that President Eisenhower is a Communist, but takes a dim view of democracy.

"'Democracy is merely a deceptive phrase, a weapon of demagoguery, and a perennial fraud', he told founders of the John Birch League in 1958. He has continued to maintain this in a book given to new members.

"Wealthy conservatives support Welch. He lists as members of the advisory 'Council' Cola G. Parker, Ernest G. Swigert, and William J. Grede, all past presidents of the National Association of Manufacturers, Clarence Manion of the Manion Forum, the late James Simpson Jr., former Illinois Republican congressman, and a number of other well-known conservatives.

"Welch is a persuasive speaker. Many responsible people are attracted to the John Birch Society by the lofty aims expressed by Welch and 'coordinators' who lead local groups.

"However, members are never told about a book written by Welch. It is called The Politician...

"Welch writes that Roosevelt was used by the Communists. He also says that Truman was used by them, but with his knowledge and acquiescence because they 'made him president'. In the third stage of Communist conspiracy, writes Welch, 'the Communists have one of their own actually in the Presidency'..."

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"It was founded December 9, 1958, in Indianapolis, and named for John Birch, a captain in the U. S. army, allegedly murdered in cold blood by Chinese Communists ten days after VJ-Day.

"Welch gave up his career as a candy company executive to lead the society.

"He was educated for four years at the University of North Carolina, two years at the United States Naval Academy and two years at Harvard law school. He was a director of the National Association of Manufacturers for seven years.

"The society has the backing of wealthy, conservative businessmen. Three former presidents of the National Association of Manufacturers are listed by Welch as members of the 'Council' of the society.

"I have seen the appeal of the society in its own suburban community of 18,000. There are four active units in the village. At a meeting two weeks ago tonight, more than 200 persons turned out.

"The organization is monolithic, or, to use another word which Welch himself introduced, dictorial. He is the absolute and unquestioned head, the 'hard-boiled, dictorial and dynamic boss' need to run such an organization. The quotes are his.

"The above facts relate closely in the following. I have obtained a copy of a book by Welch intended for distribution only to the leaders of the society.

"It is a 302 page black paperbound book, reproduced by the photo off-set process, with looseleaf binders. The title is The Politician. The book accuses President Eisenhower of treason.

"It flatly calls him a Communist, and for 302 pages attempts to document the charge.

"It accuses most of his aides--John Foster Dulles and his brother Allen, Chief Justice Earl Warren, former Defense Secretary Neil McElroy and dozens of others, of being a part of the Communist conspiracy to take over this nation.

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The above is for information purposes.

EX 109

REC-91 62-1044-522 November 28, 1960

[Redacted]
Kwikset Division
The American Hardware Corporation
516 East Santa Ana Street
Anaheim, California

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Dear Mr. [Redacted]

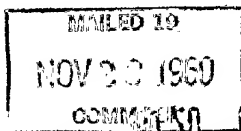
I have received your letter of November 17, 1960.

You were very kind to give me the benefit of your observations, and it was most reassuring to learn of your efforts to inform the people in your community regarding the menace of communism. This Bureau has not investigated the John Birch Society; consequently, it is not possible to comment concerning it. I am sure you will understand why I am not in a position to comply with your request, and I regret that I cannot be of service to you in this instance.

I am pleased to enclose a copy of "Expose of Soviet Espionage," as well as some other material which may be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover



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Director's Speech before IACP, 10/3/60

Director's Speech before American Legion Convention, 10/18/60
3/60 LEB Introduction & 17th Convention CP USA

Expose of Soviet Espionage

Communist Target--Youth

NOTE: In view of correspondent's common name no information regarding him could be located in Bufiles based on the limited information furnished. It is noted that he identified himself as local Chapter leader of the John Birch Society. The John Birch Society was organized by Robert Welch in December, 1958, in Indianapolis, Indiana. It is allegedly an anticommunist organization with branches in various parts of the country. Welch has been quite critical of President Eisenhower and his administration. SAC Letter 60-5 calls this organization to the attention of the field and instructs that any information regarding its activities should be furnished to the Bureau.



THE AMERICAN HARDWARE CORPORATION

516 EAST SANTA ANA STREET • ANAHEIM, CALIFORNIA • KEYSTONE 5-8111

NOVEMBER 17, 1960

MR. J. EDGAR HOOVER, DIRECTOR
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C.

DEAR SIR:

I READ WITH INTEREST, AN ARTICLE IN "CHRISTIAN ECONOMICS" RELATIVE TO YOUR REPORT TO THE COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY OF THE UNITED STATES SENATE ENTITLED "EXPOSE OF SOVIET ESPIONAGE, MAY, 1960. I WOULD LIKE TO OBTAIN A COPY OF THIS REPORT AND HOPE THAT YOU CAN SPARE THE TIME TO SEND ONE TO ME.

AS A CITIZEN, I READ EVERYTHING I CAN GET MY HANDS ON REGARDING THE COMMUNIST MENACE. I DO NOT FEEL, HOWEVER, THAT TO BE INFORMED IS ENOUGH. WE MUST AS CITIZENS TAKE SOME ACTION TO COUNTERACT THE COMMUNIST SUBVERSION OF OUR WAY OF LIFE. I DO THE USUAL THINGS EXPECTED OF ANY GOOD CITIZEN. I WRITE MY CONGRESSMAN, MY SENATORS; I WORKED DURING THE ELECTIONS; I REPRODUCE AND DISTRIBUTE LITERATURE REGARDING THE COMMUNIST MENACE; I HAVE ARRANGED SHOWINGS OF THE FILM "OPERATION ABOLITION", ETC. IT STILL DOES NOT SEEM THAT I AM DOING ENOUGH. I AM FRUSTRATED AND APPALLED AT THE APATHY OF THE AVERAGE CITIZEN. FORTUNATELY, WE RE-ELECTED THE GREATEST CONGRESSMAN ON CAPITAL HILL, JAMES B. UTT OF THE 28TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT, BUT HE CAN NOT DO THE JOB ALONE.

I HAVE JOINED AN ORGANIZATION CALLED THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY HEADED BY ROBERT WELCH WITH HEADQUARTERS IN BELMONT, MASSACHUSETTS. AS A MATTER OF FACT, I AM THE LOCAL CHAPTER LEADER OF THIS ORGANIZATION DEDICATED TO THE BASIC PRINCIPLES OF SOUND AMERICANISM. I WOULD LIKE YOUR COMMENTS ON THE EFFECTIVENESS OF ORGANIZATIONS LIKE THIS AND PARTICULARLY YOUR EVALUATION OF THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY.

IF THERE IS ANYTHING ELSE THAT WE AS CITIZENS CAN DO TO PRESERVE OUR GREAT HERITAGE I WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR ADVICE AND RECOMMENDATIONS ON THESE MATTERS.

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November 28, 1960

[Redacted Address]

Houston 35, Texas

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Dear Mr. [Redacted Name]

Your letter of November 17, 1960, with enclosures, has been received, and your interest in writing is indeed appreciated.

With regard to your inquiry, the FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and as such does not make evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. I can advise you, however, that the organization you mentioned has not been the subject of an investigation by the FBI, but this should not be construed as a clearance or nonclearance by the FBI.

I am enclosing some material regarding communism which you may like to read.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Enclosures (8)

17th National Convention & Introduction 3-60 LEB, CP USA
Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality
God and Country or Communism
Communism: The Bitter Enemy of Religion
Communist Party, USA
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[Redacted]
Houston 35, Texas
November 17, 1960

J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

The Houston office of the FBI, upon my recent request for information concerning the John Birch Society, recommended that I contact the Attorney General's Office in Washington, D. C. Enclosed is a copy of the reply I received and of the list included.

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My purpose in seeking this information was to assure myself that the leadership of this organization is sufficient to effectively fight communist activity in our country, and naturally to assure my own personal protection.

This letter from the Justice Department is inconclusive, and does not answer my question. I am most anxious to be of service to my country, and am appealing to you to advise me as to the proper steps I should take to secure this information.

Yours very truly, [Redacted]

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Correspondence
CORRESPONDENCE



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

WASHINGTON, D. C.

October 17 1960

Address Reply to the
Division Indicated
and Refer to Initials and Number

[Redacted Address]

Houston 35, Texas

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Dear Mr. [Redacted]

In response to your letter of September 27, 1960 this is to advise that, in furnishing information from its files, if any is available, this Department is limited by law to servicing the executive departments and agencies of the Federal government in the exercise of official functions. Moreover, while this Department is authorized to designate organizations pursuant to Executive Order No. 10450, relating to the Federal employee security program, it has no authority to clear organizations.

There is enclosed, however, a consolidated list dated November 1, 1955 of all the organizations designated by this Department pursuant to Executive Order No. 10450, the only authority under which it may characterize organizations. Membership in, or affiliation with a designated organization, is one factor to be considered by the departments and agencies of the Federal government in connection with the employment or retention in employment of individuals in Federal service.

Sincerely,

J. WALTER YEAGLEY
Assistant Attorney General
Internal Security Division

By:

ORAN H. WATERMAN
Chief, Civil Section

Enclosure

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ORGANIZATIONS DESIGNATED UNDER EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 10450

Compiled from Memoranda of the Attorney General dated April 29, July 15, September 28, 1953, January 22, 1954, April 4, September 21, and October 20, 1955

CONSOLIDATED LIST—NOVEMBER 1, 1955

This list is prepared solely for the information of Federal civilian officers and employees and for the convenience of persons completing applications for Federal employment. Membership in or affiliation with a designated organization is one factor to be considered by the departments and agencies of the Federal Government in connection with the employment or retention in employment of individuals in Federal service.

Abraham Lincoln Brigade
Abraham Lincoln School, Chicago, Illinois
Action Committee to Free Spain Now
Alabama People's Educational Association (see Communist Political Association)
American Association for Reconstruction in Yugoslavia, Inc.
American Branch of the Federation of Greek Maritime Unions
American Christian Nationalist Party
American Committee for European Workers' Relief (see Socialist Workers Party)
American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born
American Committee for Spanish Freedom
American Committee for the Settlement of Jews in Birobidjan, Inc.
American Committee for Yugoslav Relief, Inc.
American Committee to Survey Labor Conditions in Europe
American Council for a Democratic Greece, formerly known as the Greek American Council; Greek American Committee for National Unity
American Council on Soviet Relations
American Croatian Congress
American Jewish Labor Council
American League Against War and Fascism
American League for Peace and Democracy
American Lithuanian Workers' Literary Association (also known as Lietuvos Lietuvių Darbininkų Literatūros Draugija)
American National Labor Party
American National Socialist League
American National Socialist Party
American Nationalist Party
American Patriots, Inc.
American Peace Crusade
American Peace Mobilization
American Poles for Peace
American Polish Labor Council
American Polish League
American Rescue Ship Mission (a project of the United American Spanish Aid Committee)
American-Russian Fraternal Society
American Russian Institute, New York, also known as the American Russian Institute for Cultural Relations with the Soviet Union
American Russian Institute, Philadelphia
American Russian Institute of San Francisco
American Russian Institute of Southern California, Los Angeles
American Slav Congress
American Women for Peace
American Youth Congress
American Youth for Democracy
Armenian Progressive League of America
Associated Klans of America
Association of Georgia Klans
Association of German Nationals (Reichsdeutsche Vereinigung)
Association of German Workers (also known as Arbeiter-Darwinismus-Survivencia)
Ausland-Organisation der NSDAP, Overseas Branch of Nazi Party
Baltimore Forum
Benjamin Davis Freedom Committee
Black Dragon Society
Boston School for Marxist Studies, Boston, Massachusetts
Bridges-Robertson-Schmidt Defense Committee
Bulgarian American People's League of the United States of America
California Emergency Defense Committee
California Labor School, Inc., 321 Divisadero Street, San Francisco, California
Carpatho-Russian People's Society
Central Council of American Women of Croatian Descent, also known as Central Council of American Croatian Women, National Council of Croatian Women
Central Japanese Association (Beikoku Chuo Nipponjin Kai)
Central Japanese Association of Southern California
Central Organization of the German-American National Alliance (Deutsche-Amerikanische Einheitsfront)
Cervantes Fraternal Society
China Welfare Appeal, Inc.
Chopin Cultural Center
Citizens Committee for Harry Bridges
Citizens Committee of the Upper West Side (New York City)
Citizens Committee to Free Earl Browder
Citizens Emergency Defense Conference
Citizens Protective League
Civil Liberties Sponsoring Committee of Pittsburgh
Civil Rights Congress and its affiliated organizations, including:
Civil Rights Congress for Texas
Veterans Against Discrimination of Civil Rights Congress of New York
Civil Rights Congress for Texas (see Civil Rights Congress)

Columbians
Comite Coordinador Pro Republica Espanola
Comite Pro Derechos Civiles
(See Puerto Rican Comite Pro Libertades Civiles)
Committee for a Democratic Far Eastern Policy
Committee for Constitutional and Political Freedom
Committee for Nationalist Action
Committee for Peace and Brotherhood Festival in Philadelphia
Committee for the Defense of the Pittsburgh Six
Committee for the Negro in the Arts
Committee for the Protection of the Bill of Rights
Committee for World Youth Friendship and Cultural Exchange
Committee to Abolish Discrimination in Maryland
(See Congress Against Discrimination; Maryland Congress Against Discrimination; Provisional Committee to Abolish Discrimination in the State of Maryland)
Committee to Aid the Fighting South
Committee to Defend Marie Richardson
Committee to Defend the Rights and Freedom of Pittsburgh's Political Prisoners
Committee to Uphold the Bill of Rights
Commonwealth College, Mena, Arkansas
Communist Party, U. S. A., its subdivisions, subsidiaries and affiliates
Communist Political Association, its subdivisions, subsidiaries and affiliates, including:
Alabama People's Educational Association
Florida Press and Educational League
Oklahoma League for Political Education
People's Educational and Press Association of Texas
Virginia League for People's Education
Congress Against Discrimination
(See Committee to Abolish Discrimination in Maryland)
Congress of American Revolutionary Writers
Congress of American Women
Congress of the Unemployed
Connecticut Committee to Aid Victims of the Smith Act
Connecticut State Youth Conference
Council for Jobs, Relief and Housing
Council for Pan-American Democracy
Council of Greek Americans
Council on African Affairs
Croatian Benevolent Fraternity
Dai Nippon Butoku Kai (Military Virtue Society of Japan or Military Art Society of Japan)
Daily Worker Press Club
Daniels Defense Committee
Dante Alighieri Society (between 1935 and 1940)
Dennis Defense Committee
Detroit Youth Assembly
East Bay Peace Committee
Elsinore Progressive League
Emergency Conference to Save Spanish Refugees (founding body of the North American Spanish Aid Committee)
Everybody's Committee to Outlaw War
Families of the Baltimore Smith Act Victims
Families of the Smith Act Victims
Federation of Italian War Veterans in the U. S. A., Inc. (Associazione Nazionale Combattenti Italiani, Federazione degli Stati Uniti d'America)
Finnish-American Mutual Aid Society
Florida Press and Educational League (see Communist Political Association)
Frederick Douglass Educational Center
Freedom Stage, Inc.
Friends of the New Germany (Freunde des Neuen Deutschlands)
Friends of the Soviet Union
Garibaldi American Fraternal Society
George Washington Carver School, New York City
German-American Bund (Amerikadeutscher Volksbund)
German-American Republican League
German-American Vocational League (Deutsche-Amerikanische Berufsgemeinschaft)
Guardian Club
Harlem Trade Union Council
Hawaii Civil Liberties Committee
Heimusha Kai, also known as Nokubei Heikei Gimusha Kai, Zaibei Nihonjin, Heiyaku Gimusha Kai, and Zaibei Heimusha Kai (Japanese Residing in America Military Conscription Association)
Hellenic-American Brotherhood
Hinode Kai (Imperial Japanese Reservists)
Hinomaru Kai (Rising Sun Flag Society—a group of Japanese War Veterans)
Hokubei Zaigo Shoke Dan (North American Reserve Officers Association)
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Hollywood Writers Mobilization for Defense
 Hungarian-American Council for Democracy
 Hungarian Brotherhood
 Idaho Pension Union
 Independent Party (Seattle, Washington)
 (See Independent People's Party)
 Independent People's Party
 (See Independent Party)
 Independent Socialist League
 Industrial Workers of the World
 International Labor Defense
 International Workers Order, its subdivisions, subsidiaries and affiliates
 Japanese Association of America
 Japanese Overseas Central Society (Kaigai Dobo Chuo Ka.)
 Japanese Overseas Convention, Tokyo, Japan, 1940
 Japanese Protective Association (Recruiting Organization)
 Jefferson School of Social Science, New York City
 Jewish Culture Society
 Jewish People's Committee
 Jewish People's Fraternal Order
 Jikyoku In'hai (The Committee for the Crisis)
 Johnson-Forest Group
 (See Johnsonites)
 Johnsonites
 (See Johnson-Forest Group)
 Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee
 Joint Council of Progressive Italian-Americans, Inc.
 Joseph Weydemeyer School of Social Science, St. Louis, Missouri
 Kibei Seinen Kai (Association of U. S. Citizens of Japanese Ancestry who have returned to America after studying in Japan)
 Knights of the White Camellia
 Ku Klux Klan
 Kyffhaeuser, also known as Kyffhaeuser League (Kyffhaeuser Bund),
 Kyffhaeuser Fellowship (Kyffhaeuser Kameradschaft)
 Kyffhaeuser War Relief (Kyffhaeuser Kriegshilfswerk)
 Labor Council for Negro Rights
 Labor Research Association, Inc.
 Labor Youth League
 League for Common Sense
 League of American Writers
 Lictor Society (Italian Black Shirts)
 Macedonian-American People's League
 Mario Morgantini Circle
 Maritime Labor Committee to Defend Al Lannon
 Maryland Congress Against Discrimination
 (See Committee to Abolish Discrimination in Maryland)
 Massachusetts Committee for the Bill of Rights
 Massachusetts Minute Women for Peace (not connected with the Minute Women of the U. S. A., Inc.)
 Maurice Braverman Defense Committee
 Michigan Civil Rights Federation
 Michigan Council for Peace
 Michigan School of Social Science
 Nankai Teikoku Gyunudan (Imperial Military Friends Group or Southern California War Veterans)
 National Association of Mexican Americans (also known as Asociacion Nacional Mexico-Americana)
 National Blue Star Mothers of America (not to be confused with the Blue Star Mothers of America organized in February 1942)
 National Committee for Freedom of the Press
 National Committee for the Defense of Political Prisoners
 National Committee to Win Amnesty for Smith Act Victims
 National Committee to Win the Peace
 National Conference on American Policy in China and the Far East (a Conference called by the Committee for a Democratic Far Eastern Policy)
 National Council of Americans of Croatian Descent
 National Council of American-Soviet Friendship
 National Federation for Constitutional Liberties
 National Labor Conference for Peace
 National Negro Congress
 National Negro Labor Council
 Nationalist Action League
 Nationalist Party of Puerto Rico
 Nature Friends of America (since 1935)
 Negro Labor Victory Committee
 New Committee for Publications
 Nichiei Kyo-o Kaisha (The Great Fujii Theatre)
 North American Committee to Aid Spanish Democracy
 North American Spanish Aid Committee
 North Philadelphia Forum
 Northwest Japanese Association
 Ohio School of Social Sciences
 Oklahoma Committee to Defend Political Prisoners
 Oklahoma League for Political Education (see Communist Political Association)
 Original Southern Klans, Incorporated
 Pacific Northwest Labor School, Seattle, Washington
 Palo Alto Peace Club
 Partido del Pueblo de Panama (operating in the Canal Zone)
 Peace Information Center
 Peace Movement of Ethiopia

People's Drama, Inc.
 People's Educational and Press Association of Texas (see Communist Political Association)
 People's Educational Association (incorporated under name Los Angeles Educational Association, Inc.), also known as People's Educational Center, People's University, People's School
 People's Institute of Applied Religion
 Peoples Programs (Seattle, Washington)
 People's Radio Foundation, Inc.
 People's Rights Party
 Philadelphia Labor Committee for Negro Rights
 Philadelphia School of Social Science and Art
 Photo League (New York City)
 Pittsburgh Arts Club
 Political Prisoners' Welfare Committee
 Polonia Society of the IWO
 Progressive German-Americans, also known as Progressive German-Americans of Chicago
 Proletarian Party of America
 Protestant War Veterans of the United States, Inc.
 Provisional Committee of Citizens for Peace, Southwest Area
 Provisional Committee on Latin American Affairs
 Provisional Committee to Abolish Discrimination in the State of Maryland
 (See Committee to Abolish Discrimination in Maryland)
 Puerto Rican Comite Pro Libertades Civiles (CLC)
 (See Comite Pro Derechos Civiles)
 Puertorriquenos Unidos (Puerto Ricans United)
 Quad City Committee for Peace
 Queensbridge Tenants League
 Revolutionary Workers League
 Romanian-American Fraternal Society
 Russian American Society, Inc.
 Sakura Kai (Patriotic Society, or Cherry Association—composed of veterans of Russo-Japanese War)
 Samuel Adams School, Boston, Massachusetts
 Santa Barbara Peace Forum
 Schappes Defense Committee
 Schneiderman-Darcy Defense Committee
 School of Jewish Studies, New York City
 Seattle Labor School, Seattle, Washington
 Serbian-American Fraternal Society
 Serbian Vidovdan Council
 Shinto Temples (limited to State Shinto abolished in 1945)
 Silver Shirt Legion of America
 Slavic Council of Southern California
 Slovak Workers Society
 Slovenian American National Council
 Socialist Workers Party, including American Committee for European Workers' Relief
 Socialist Youth League (see Workers Party)
 Sokoku Kai (Fatherland Society)
 Southern Negro Youth Congress
 Suiko Sha (Reserve Officers Association, Los Angeles)
 Syracuse Women for Peace
 Tom Paine School of Social Science, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
 Tom Paine School of Westchester, New York
 Trade Union Committee for Peace
 (See Trade Unionists for Peace)
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 Tri-State Negro Trade Union Council
 Ukrainian American Fraternal Union
 Union of American Croats
 Union of New York Veterans
 United American Spanish Aid Committee
 United Committee of Jewish Societies and Landsmanschaft Federations, also known as Coordination Committee of Jewish Landsmanschaften and Fraternal Organizations
 United Committee of South Slavic Americans
 United Defense Council of Southern California
 United Harlem Tenants and Consumers Organization
 United May Day Committee
 United Negro and Allied Veterans of America
 Veterans Against Discrimination of Civil Rights Congress of New York (see Civil Rights Congress)
 Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade
 Virginia League for People's Education (see Communist Political Association)
 Voice of Freedom Committee
 Walt Whitman School of Social Science, Newark, New Jersey
 Washington Bookshop Association
 Washington Committee for Democratic Action
 Washington Committee to Defend the Bill of Rights
 Washington Commonwealth Federation
 Washington Pension Union
 Wisconsin Conference on Social Legislation
 Workers Alliance (since April 1936)
 Workers Party, including Socialist Youth League
 Yiddisher Kultur Farband
 Young Communist League
 Yugoslav-American Cooperative Home, Inc.
 Y. S. S. Club, Inc.

November 28, 1960

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Odessa, Texas

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Dear Mr. [REDACTED]

Your letter of November 18, 1960, has been received, and the interest which prompted your writing is indeed appreciated.

While I would like to be of assistance to you, the FBI is strictly an investigative agency and as such does not make evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. I can advise you, however, that the organization you mentioned has not been the subject of an investigation by this Bureau, but this should not be construed as a clearance or nonclearance by the FBI.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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The John Birch Society was organized by Robert Welch in December, 1958, at Indianapolis, Indiana. It is allegedly an anti-communist organization with branches over various parts of the country. SAC letter 60-5 calls this organization to the attention of the field and instructs them that any information on their activities should be furnished to the Bureau.

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November 18, 1960

Gentlemen:

I am interested in joining the John Birch Society, but would like to know for sure that it is not Communist sponsored or endorsed.

Please give me a report on this organization, and/or its originator-Mr. Robert & Welch of Boston.



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Beaumont, Texas

Dear Mr. [Redacted]

Your letter of November 22, 1960, has been received, and the interest which prompted your writing is indeed appreciated.

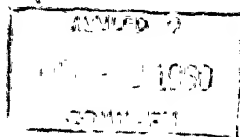
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I am enclosing some material regarding the atheistic menace of communism which you might like to read.

Sincerely yours,

[Signature] J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director



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Enclosures (5)

Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality
Communist Party, USA
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November 22, 1960

[Redacted]
Beaumont, Texas

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau Of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Mr. Hoover,

I am writing to ask your opinion concerning the activities of the John Birch Society of Belmont, Massachusetts, and of its founder Mr. Robert Welsh.

This organization seems to me to be a step in the right direction in the fight against Communism in the world today. However, before I give my support, I would like to have your opinion of this organization and its founder, to be sure that the efforts of the organization are definitely directed toward anti-Communism.

Your advice and counsel in this matter will be sincerely appreciated.

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Post Office Box 1782
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Dear [REDACTED]

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Your letter of November 28, 1960, has been received, and the interest prompting you to write is indeed appreciated.

While I would like to be of assistance, the FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not make evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. I can advise you, however, that the organization you mentioned has not been the subject of any investigation by this Bureau, but this should not be construed as a clearance or nonclearance by the FBI.

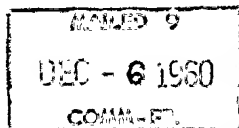
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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director



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TELEPHONE MOHAWK 4-6871
PAMPA, TEXAS

November 28, 1960

Federal Bureau of Investigation
Dept. of Justice
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Sir:

I am trying to obtain some information
about the John Birch Society which is
trying to organize a chapter here.
They say they are a very conservative
and Anti Communist organization.
Any information you have would be
appreciated.

Sincerely,

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December 1, 1960

[Redacted Address]

Berwick, Maine

Dear Mr. [Redacted Name]

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I have received your letter of November 23,
and I am pleased that you have found "Masters of Deceit"
and other publications I have written regarding communism
of interest.

As you indicate, the statements quoted in your
letter did not emanate from the FBI. Although I would like to
be of service to you, the files of this Bureau are confidential
and it is not possible for me to make any comment regarding
the questions you raised. I hope you will understand the reasons
I am unable to be of help in this instance.

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In view of your concern, I am enclosing some
material which you may want to read.

Thank you for your prayers.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE: Bufiles contain no record identifiable with [Redacted]

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UNITED BAPTIST CHURCH
25 High Street
Somersworth, New Hampshire
Tel. - 826-W

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November 23, 1960

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J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

John Birch
Society

Dear Mr. Hoover,

It is certainly most disturbing to see how our country is constantly retreating in the face of the encroachment of communism. I have read with real interest your "Masters of Deceit" and other articles and pamphlets which you have written, all to alert our people to the real nature of this international conspiracy.

I would like to ask, if it is true as I read in one pamphlet recently, not written by you, that ^{there} are at least thirty communist espionage rings operating in this country today against the only two or three that have been partially exposed? And, is it true that not only has all really effective exposure of these espionage rings been stopped but scores of known communist sympathizers have been restored by Supreme Court rulings to their former jobs within our Federal Government? Is it also true that "seventy-five vital links in the most secret communications of our government itself including those of the Pentagon to Air Force Bases in New York, Maine, England, Canada, and Newfoundland are all available to the members of the American Communication Association which was kicked out of the CIO in 1950 as being too Communist? I believe that these statements were made in the Blue Book of the John Birch Society. Be assured that our prayers are with you in the terrific work that you are doing.

Sincerely yours, ³⁶

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Pecos, Texas

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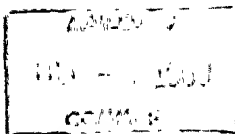
Your letter of November 29, 1960, has been received, and the interest which prompted you to write is appreciated.

Although I would like to be of service, this Bureau has conducted no investigation regarding the organization about which you inquired, and I am unable to be of assistance to you. This should not, however, be construed as a clearance or nonclearance of this organization by the FBI. Enclosed is some material concerning the general subject of communism which may be of interest.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director



Enclosures (6)

17th National Convention, CPUSA & 3-60 LEB Introduction
Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality
One Nation's Response to Communism
Communist Target--Youth
Expose of Soviet Espionage
Director's speech of 10-18-60

NOTE: No record Bufiles identifiable with correspondent. The John Birch Society was founded by Robert Welch of Belmont, Massachusetts, and is purported to be an anticommunist organization. We have conducted no investigation regarding it.

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J Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr Hoover:

I would like to inquire into the validity of the anti-communistic aspirations of The John Birch Society, Belmont 78, Massachusetts, and its founder, Robert Welch.

I have been approached on the subject of joining this organization. My fondest desire is to rid this country of all communist's.

In the opinion of your department is the Society honest in the presentation of its aim?

Yours Truly

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J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

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In the opinion of your department is the Society poorest on the presentation of its aim?

Yours Truly

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San Marino, California

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Dear Mrs. [redacted]
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Your letter of November 30, 1960, has been received, and your generous remarks are sincerely appreciated.

In response to your request, it is certainly a pleasure to forward to you, under separate cover, 100 copies of my statement, "Communist Target--Youth." There is no charge for material which this Bureau is privileged to distribute to the public. I am enclosing some other material dealing with communism which may be of interest.

I would like to point out that the individual you mentioned in your communication has never been a Special Agent of this Bureau. He did, however, furnish information to the FBI on a confidential basis from February, 1943, to January, 1950, and he was compensated for his services.

Sincerely yours,

L. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Director's speech 10-18-60

One Nation's Response To Communism

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November 30, 1960

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SAN MARINO, CALIFORNIA

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

May I ask if you will be so kind as to send me
100 copies of your COMMUNIST TARGET-YOUTH, and I
should like to make a donation for same.

I am a member of The John Birch Society in San
Marino, No. 419, is the No. of our Chapter. It might
interest your Bureau to know that one of your
former members, Matthew Cvetic, a few weeks ago
addressed an evening gathering in our rather small
community, and over 550 persons attended.

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As a patriotic American may I express my deep
gratitude for all the wonderful work you have done
for us.

Sincerely yours, *D*

Mrs. [REDACTED]

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Dear Mr. [Redacted]

[Redacted] Your letter of November 28, 1960, has been received, and your interest in writing me is appreciated.

With regard to your inquiry, the FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not furnish evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. I can advise you, however, that the organization you mentioned has not been the subject of an investigation by this Bureau, but this should not be construed as a clearance or nonclearance by the FBI.

I am enclosing material available for general distribution by the FBI on the subject of communism which you may find of interest.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Enclosures (6)

Communist Target--Youth

How to Beat Communism

Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality

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One Nation's Response to Communism

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NOTE: The John Birch Society is allegedly an anticommunist organization with branches over the various parts of the country. Our field offices have been alerted to watching its activities inasmuch as its head, Robert Welch, indicated at one time that he thought a group having the appearance of a front organization might be effective in attracting true subversives. Welch, has, in the past, also attacked President Eisenhower and his Administration in his writings.

November 28, 1960

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover,
Director, Federal Bureau of
Investigation,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

My wife, [] and I would like to inquire about the John Birch Society.

We attended a meeting of local people here in [] on November 25 the purpose of which was to watch and listen to a Mr. Robert H. W. Welch, Jr., founder of this Society.

In this movie, Mr. Welch covered the background, purposes and future of the John Birch Society. To [] and I his purpose seems to be very clear, i.e. to stop the evergrowing menace of Communism and to stamp it out. We feel that we would like to join this Society; however, we do not feel that such a step should be taken without thorough investigation. b6 b7C

Another couple with whom we attended this meeting agreed that we should do a bit of checking before joining this group. We decided that the best way to accomplish this would be to direct an inquiry to you.

Of course we realize that the decision to join this group is ours, however if you would advise us as to the opinion that your Department holds of this organization we would most certainly appreciate it.

Very truly yours,

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Pampa, Texas.

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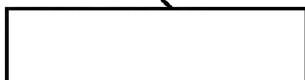
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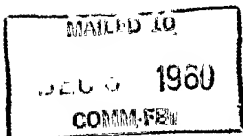
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In response to your request of November 29, 1960, I am enclosing a copy of "Expose of Soviet Espionage," as well as other reprints which you may find of interest.

With regard to your inquiry, the FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not furnish evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. I can advise you, however, that the organization you mentioned has not been the subject of an investigation by this Bureau, but this should not be construed as a clearance or nonclearance by the FBI. No suggestions come to mind where you might be able to secure the information you desire.

Sincerely yours,



John

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Enclosures (5)

Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality
Director's speech 10-18-60
What You Can Do To Fight Communism

Expose of Soviet Espionage
Communist Target--Youth

NOTE: The John Birch Society is allegedly an anticommunist organization with branches over the various parts of the country. Our field offices have been alerted to watching its activities inasmuch as its head, Robert Welch, indicated at one time that he thought a group having the appearance of a front organization might be effective in attracting true subversives. Welch, has, in the past, also attacked President Eisenhower and his Administration

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Houston, Texas
November 29, 1960

Dear Sir--

Please send me a copy of the Senate document
"Exposé of Soviet Espionage."

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Also I would like any information you have
available about the John Birch Society. I
understand it to be a truly patriotic organization
and would like this confirmed. If it is not
possible for you to give me this information,
can you refer me to someone who can?

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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AIRMAIL

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (94-723)

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

WOODLAND HILLS, CALIFORNIA
RESEARCH (CORRESPONDENCE AND TOURS)

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Los Angeles indices contain no pertinent information identifiable with [REDACTED] and no indication he has ever been the subject of an investigation by this office.

[REDACTED] was personally contacted 12/2/60, at his residence at [REDACTED] Woodland Hills, Calif., by SAs [REDACTED] and GILBERT G. BENJAMIN. His letter of 11/15/60, to the Director was orally acknowledged and the Director's appreciation for Mr. [REDACTED] kind comments re him and 'Masters of Deceit' was expressed.

The general investigative jurisdiction of the FBI was courteously explained to Mr. [REDACTED] after which it was tactfully explained to him that since the files of the FBI are confidential, it is not possible to furnish any comment on the character or integrity of any of the individuals, organizations, or publications listed in his letter. It was made specifically clear to Mr. [REDACTED] that the FBI has conducted no investigation concerning him.

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Mr. [] advised he is employed as a [] Wyle Laboratories, 128 Maryland, El Segundo, Calif., and assumed that perhaps the FBI had investigated him relative to his employment. He advised he understood the position of the FBI and deeply appreciated the Agents calling upon him. He reiterated his high regard for the Director.

Mr. [] advised he has been very out-spoken against communism. He stated he was quite concerned about the fact that "Masters of Deceit" has been occupying the lower shelves in local book stands and libraries and the manner in which Congressman-elect JAMES C. CORMAN had virtually repudiated the statements in that book during his campaign in a public debate sponsored by Town Hall at Sherman Oaks, Calif., exact date unrecalled. He advised the John Birch Society and the American Legion have been going around and placing copies of "Masters of Deceit" on the shelves in places of easy accessibility and where they will receive maximum attention. He advised Congressman-elect CORMAN had indicated there is no communist threat from within the U. S. but that the threat is from the Armies of Russia and Red China. He advised CORMAN had stated something like, "God for EARL WARREN and the Supreme Court."

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Mr. [] indicated a familiarity with the John Birch Society and advised that friends of his in that society had told him they had heard CORMAN remark to the effect that the Director didn't know what he was talking about concerning the internal threat of communism in the United States. At this point Agents immediately refuted CORMAN's above scurrilous remarks regarding the Director and informed Mr. [] that the Director's statements are entirely factual, that CORMAN was entirely wrong and that CORMAN obviously was the one who did not know what he was talking about to which Mr. [] stated he was thoroughly in agreement.

The interview was terminated under very pleasant conditions and Mr. CORMAN concluded that he had always had the highest regards for the Director and the FBI.

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December 9, 1960

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[Redacted]
San Diego 16, California

Dear Mrs. [Redacted]

Your letter dated November 26, 1960, with its enclosure, has been received, and the interest which prompted your communication is indeed appreciated.

It is always gratifying to receive letters from citizens who demonstrate an awareness of the problems facing this country and a sincere desire to prepare themselves to meet the communist challenge to our freedom.

The jurisdiction and responsibilities of the FBI preclude me from furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. However, I can advise you that neither the John Birch Society nor the American Friends of Vietnam has been investigated by this Bureau, but this should not be construed as a clearance or nonclearance of these organizations by the FBI.

I am enclosing some literature on the menace of communism which I feel will be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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NOTE ON YELLOW:

Correspondent requests information concerning the John Birch Society and "American Friends of Vietnam." She also requests a list of publications that are considered to be anticommunist. Correspondent enclosed a poem which she stated had been recited at a public school during a Thanksgiving Day program. She wonders if the poem is communistic. The poem concerns the early settlement of the United States and is written from the viewpoint of the American Indian. Bufiles contain no identifiable data concerning the correspondent.

Bufiles reveal that "American Friends of Vietnam" has not been investigated by the Bureau. Available information reveals that over 17 Senators, over 60 Representatives and numerous other prominent Americans are affiliated with the organization. (62-102858)

The John Birch Society and its founder, Robert Welch, have not been the subjects of an investigation by the Bureau. Welch and his organization have been very critical of President Eisenhower and his administration. (62-104401)

The following items of literature were sent to the correspondent:

1. Reprint from "FBI Law Enforcement Bulletin," March, 1960, with "An Analysis of the 17th National Convention of the Communist Party, USA."
2. "Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality."
3. "America - Freedom's Champion."
4. "What You Can do to Fight Communism and Preserve America."

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San Diego 16, California

November 26, 1960

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover,

Would you please tell me where I can get information concerning THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY ? My husband and I are interested in joining this group in an effort in our small way to fight Communism. However, we would like to be certain that we are fighting and not aiding the communistic cause. The local F. B. I. office here is unable to give out information of this type and we don't know where to turn for accurate information.

If you could send me some list of publication that are considered anticommunistic I would greatly appreciate it. In fact, any information you could give us would be a tremendous help in guiding us. We, and many of our friends, are deeply concerned and willing to do anything within our power to actively fight Communism,,if we could just have some reassurance that what we would do would be the correct thing.

Could you please tell me whether The American Friends of Vietnam is considered a questionable organization?

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I am enclosing a poem that was recited at the Thanksgiving Program in a public school here. Is this the type of propaganda that is being used by Communist in the educational system? I realize that the facts are basically true yet, I am wondering if this type of presentation of American history won't in a twelve year educational program leave our children with a complete lack of patriotism and pride for the founding fathers of our democracy.

Sincerely,

I don't know who this Indian is
A bow within his hand
But he is standing by a tree
And watching white men land

They may be gods
They maybe men
They certainly look glum
He wonders who on earth they are
And why on earth they've come

He knows his streams are full of fish
His forest full of deer
And his tribe is a mighty tribe
That all the others fear

But when the French and Spanish come.
The English and the Dutch
They tell him they're the mighty tribe
And no one else is much

They'll shoot his deer
And net his fish
And clear away his wood
And frequently remark to him
They do it for his good

Then he will fight
And he will scalp
And he will burn and slay
And break the treaties he has made
but children, so will they

We wont go into all of that
For its another story
And some is good
And some is bad
B ut all of it is gory

But just remember this
About our ancestors so dear
They didn't find an empty land
The Indian was here

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December 9, 1960

AIRMAIL

[Redacted]
Newport Beach, California

Dear Mrs. [Redacted]

Your letter of December 2, 1960, with enclosure, has been received, and the interest which prompted you to write is indeed appreciated.

While I would like to be of assistance, it is not possible for me to advise you relative to the matter you mentioned. The FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not furnish evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. I can advise you, however, that the organization you mentioned has not been the subject of an investigation by this Bureau, but this should not be construed as a clearance or nonclearance by the FBI.

In view of your concern regarding the communist menace, I am enclosing some material which you may like to read. The self-addressed, stamped envelope you forwarded is being returned.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Communist Party, USA
Expose of Soviet Espionage
Communist Target--Youth
Self-addressed stamped envelope

NOTE: Letter sent airmail inasmuch as envelope enclosed by correspondent contained airmail postage. Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles. The John Birch Society was organized by Robert Welch in December, 1958, at Indianapolis, Indiana. It is allegedly an anticommunist organization with branches over various parts of the country. Welch has been quite critical of President Eisenhower and his Administration. SAC letter 60-5 calls this organization to the attention of the field and instructs them that any information on their activities should be furnished to the Bureau. Correspondent is probably referring to General Albert C. Wedemeyer's report on China and Korea which was published several years ago. General Wedemeyer is on the Special Correspondents' List on a first-name basis and has enjoyed cordial correspondence with the Director over the years.

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[Redacted]
Newport Beach
California
Dec. 2, 1960

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover,
F.B.I.
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Sir-

I'm appealing to you for certain information
I feel only you are qualified to give.

The Communist threat has recently been
emphasized and, as a Mother of four, I feel compelled to
do what I can to fight it.

Would you advise my joining the "John Birch
Society"? Can I know this is not a subversive group?

Could you also tell me - is all of the
"Wedermeyer Report" true? I read the book because of rumors
that circulated during W. W. II -

The book confirmed those rumors, but my
husband (an ex A. F. pilot) feels the book is not true, and
questions my patriotism for believing it.

Your reply will be anxiously awaited, and any
suggestions you make (anything that I, or other housewives
can do to help our country) will be greatly appreciated.

Very Sincerely,

/s/

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Newport Beach
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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover,
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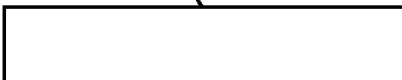
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December 8, 1960



Richmond 22, Virginia

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Dear Mrs. 

Your letter of December 2, 1960, has been received, and the interest which prompted you to write is appreciated.

Although I would like to be of service, this Bureau has conducted no investigation regarding the organization about which you inquired, and I am unable to be of assistance to you. This should not, however, be construed as a clearance or nonclearance of this organization by the FBI. Enclosed is some material concerning the general subject of communism which may be of interest.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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NOTE: No record Bufiles identifiable with correspondent. The John Birch Society was founded by Robert Welch of Belmont, Massachusetts, and is purported to be an anticommunist organization. We have conducted no investigation regarding it.

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TRUE COPY.

Richmond, Va.
Dec. 2, 1960

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover,

I've been told that from an official standpoint you're not allowed to endorse any organization - Does the same thing apply to you on an unofficial basis?

To come straight to the point - I recently attended a meeting here in Richmond which was held to enlighten the public on the seriousness of the Communist situation and to enlist members in The John Birch Society. I found both the speeches and film strip to be most impressive and alarming - as calculated. However, the name Robert Welch, as well as the members of the policy-making council were unknown to me prior to this meeting. It is neither my intention on decline to join any group unless I am unquestionably sure of the motives and standing of such a group as being truly American - in the full sense of the word.

My next problem was where I could get that unquestionable assurance. That part didn't take long to decide - of course, Mr. Hoover, who else?!

Thank you for taking time to read this. Your reply will be appreciated and your advice relied upon -

Very truly yours,

[Redacted Signature]

Richmond 22, Va.

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FULLERTON, CALIFORNIA

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER, DIRECTOR
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Mr. Tolson	_____
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PLEASE WIRE COLLECT IN REGARDS TO THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY OF
BELMONT MASSACHUSETTS BEING AN ACCEPTABLE ORGANIZATION WITH
UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT POLICIES. THANKS

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Memorandum

TO : Mr. A. H. Belmont

DATE: 12-8-60

FROM : Mr. F. J. Baumgardner

SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
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The Director inquired whether we are investigating the John Birch Society (JBS) and requested a memorandum concerning this Society.

We have never investigated the JBS nor its founder Robert H. Welch, Jr.

BACKGROUND CONCERNING THE SOCIETY

The JBS was organized in Indianapolis, Indiana, in December 1958, by Robert H. Welch, Jr., a candy manufacturer of Belmont, Massachusetts. Welch has summarized the long-range activities of the Society as "less government, more responsibility and a better world." Chapters of this Society have come into existence in various parts of the country as part of Welch's anticommunist campaign. Welch states that the Society was named after John Birch, a young Christian missionary from a farm near Macon, Georgia, who was in China when the United States entered World War II; who joined General Chennault's force as a volunteer, organized Chennault's intelligence, rose to the rank of captain in the United States Army, and served with unsurpassable bravery and brilliance throughout the war; and who, while in uniform ten days after V-J Day and on a peaceful and official mission for our Government, was brutally murdered in cold blood by the Chinese communists.

BACKGROUND AND ACTIVITY OF WELCH

Bufiles disclose Welch resides at 43 Fletcher Road, Belmont, Massachusetts, and his office address as 810 Main Street, Cambridge, Massachusetts, where he is an officer and director of the James O. Welch Company, candy manufacturer. He is editor and director of the

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- 1 - Mr. Parsons
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- 1 - Mr. W.C. Sullivan
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- 1 - Mr. Simpson

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Memorandum to Mr. Belmont
RE: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
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publication "American Opinion," which is published on an irregular basis and which contains many anticommunist articles. Welch has forwarded copies of the publication to the Bureau in the past. Bufiles do not contain any derogatory information of a subversive nature concerning Welch. In January, 1959, we received information that Welch was initiating an anticommunist campaign and was conducting a drive throughout the country to obtain funds to be used for this activity. One of his desires was to establish ostensible communist front groups, which in reality would be anticommunist groups, thereby causing disruption to the Communist Party. In February, 1959, we received information indicating that Welch, a Republican, had authored a book entitled "The Politician," which book Welch did not have published but had a limited number of copies printed which he sent to friends and individuals who he believed would be interested in its contents. We received a copy of the book and reviewed it. The review disclosed that it was mainly a vicious attack on the political life and beliefs of President Eisenhower. In this book Welch by innuendo alluded to President Eisenhower as being procommunist. We disseminated pertinent portions of the book at that time to the White House and the Attorney General. Another example of Welch's attitude toward Government officials is found in his brochure on the JBS wherein he stated "You have probably never heard of John Birch, simply because the communists in Washington planned it that way."

Welch could be considered being pro-Bureau as the July-August, 1958, issue of "American Opinion," page 24, listed "Masters of Deceit" as recommended reading material and information was received in August, 1960, that the latest monthly bulletin of the JBS requested all members to write the Director expressing their congratulations on his report as contained in the House Committee on Un-American Activities booklet "Communist Target - Youth."

BUREAU ACTION:

Due to the controversial nature of Welch and the JBS, together with Welch's plan to set up ostensible communist front groups, we alerted the field to Welch's background, his plan, and background information concerning the JBS by SAC Letters 59-13 (F) dated March 10, 1959, and/or 60-5 (C) dated January 26, 1960. The field was instructed that no investigation of the Society should be conducted but that the Bureau was particularly interested in any efforts by subversive elements to take over or use the Society or its chapters. The field was instructed to keep the Bureau advised of all pertinent information regarding this matter.

Memorandum to Mr. Belmont
RE: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
62-104401

Since the formation of the JBS, we have received and continue to receive numerous inquiries from citizens inquiring whether or not the Director approves of the Society. We have in most instances in the past answered these inquiries by stating that the Director was precluded from furnishing the desired information since "the jurisdiction and responsibilities of the FBI do not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization." This reply was given since it was felt that a statement indicating we had not investigated the JBS would be considered as an endorsement or clearance of the organization by the FBI.

However, in the future, in order to be consistent, we will reply to such inquiries concerning the JBS that "the jurisdiction and responsibilities of the FBI do not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. However, I can advise you that the John Birch Society has not been investigated by this Bureau, but this should not be construed as a clearance or nonclearance of this organization by the FBI."

RECOMMENDATION:

If approved, we will answer citizen inquiries in line with the above observation.

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December 9, 1960



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Dear Mrs. 

Your letter of November 30, 1960, with enclosure, has been received, and the interest which prompted you to write is indeed appreciated.

With regard to your inquiry, the FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not furnish evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. I can advise you, however, that the organization you mentioned has not been the subject of an investigation by the FBI, but this should not be construed as a clearance or nonclearance by this Bureau.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles. The John Birch Society was organized by Robert Welch in December, 1958, at Indianapolis, Indiana. It is allegedly an anticommunist organization with branches over various parts of the country. Welch has been quite critical of President Eisenhower and his Administration. SAC letter 60-5 calls this organization to the attention of the field and instructs them that any information on their activities should be furnished to the Bureau. A four-cent stamp forwarded by correspondent is being utilized in reply.

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J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I would like any information you can give me on The John Birch Society. I think it is national. I know there is a branch here in Wichita, and there has been quite a controversey concerning it recently. I've heard and read conflicting reports of its purposes. There is also disagreement as to whether the organization is pro or anti American and democratic.

I would appreciate any information at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

/s/

[Redacted Signature]

Wichita, Kansas

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
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December 12, 1960

Costa Mesa, California

Dear Mrs. [REDACTED]

Your letter dated December 3, 1960, has been received.

The thought prompting your contacting us is appreciated, and I am glad to know that you and your husband desire to combat the growing menace of communism. Certainly, an aroused and enlightened citizenry is needed if we are to defend our democratic way of life against the subversive forces facing us today.

Although I would like very much to help you in connection with your specific inquiry, the FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not make evaluations or draw conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. We have not investigated the group you named; however, I hope you will not infer that this constitutes a clearance or nonclearance by this Bureau.

Enclosed are publications on the subject of communism available for general distribution by the FBI which you may find of interest.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Enclosures (5)
What You Can Do To Fight Communism
Communism: The Bitter Enemy of Religion
Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality
LEB Introduction, March, 1960 & 17th National Convention, CPUSA
Communist Target--Youth

NOTE: Correspondent and her husband are not identifiable in Bufiles on the basis of information furnished. The John Birch Society is allegedly an anticommunist organization with branches over the various parts of the country. Our field offices have been alerted to watch its activities inasmuch as its head, Robert Welch, indicated at one time that he thought a group having the appearance of a front organization might be effective in attracting true subversives. Welch has, in the past, also attacked President Eisenhower and his Administration in his writings. Name of street verified by telephone directory check.

Dec. 3, 1960

Dear Mr. Hoover:

We have recently seen the films "Communism on the Map" & "Operation Abolition," & thought them very enlightening. We want to join & Anti-Communist organization & have been trying to get all possible information on the John Birch Society. We feel like we need direction as do many of our friends.

We have seen letters from such people as Senator Goldwater, whom we admire, praising Rob't. Welch, the founder of the John Birch Society, but he did not commit himself in the letter on the Society itself. Naturally, we don't want to join any such organization until we find out if it is really on the right track.

We would appreciate very much any information you might be able to send along on the Birch Society, so we can decide if this is the way to fight communism.

Thank you very much,

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Dec. 3, 1960

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover: John[®] Birch Society

In the past month, my husband & I
have become very interested in the fight
against communism.

We have recently seen the films "Communism
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Thank you very much,

Sincerely,



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Mr. [redacted]
Air Filter Sales and
Service Company
1620 Donacabrew Street
Nashville 3, Tennessee

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Dear Sir. [redacted]

I have received your letter of November 22,
1960, with enclosure, and your generous expressions of
confidence and support are indeed appreciated. Thank you
for your kind comments relative to my book, Masters of
Deceit.

While I would like to be of assistance in
connection with preparing a statement for you in the manner
you mentioned, I regret that the pressure of official commit-
ments facing me at this time will preclude my doing so.
However, I am pleased to forward, under separate cover,
some of my recent comments on the subject of communism
from which you may wish to extract the information you
desire.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Director's speeches 10-3-60 and 10-18-60
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Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality
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[REDACTED] of The Nashville Banner, a newspaper with whom we have enjoyed cordial relations. Bufiles contain derogatory information of a security nature regarding Professor [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] and attorney [REDACTED] Attorney [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] is alleged to be connected with gambling interests in Nashville. As we have no close association with [REDACTED] and it appears any statement we would provide would be utilized in connection with activities of the John Birch Society, it is not felt desirable to accede to his request.

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November 22, 1960

J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I am one of the local chapter leaders of the John Birch Society and we have been doing all we can to awaken the local people to the menace of communism and its fellow travelers and dupes. We have purchased the film "Operation Abolition" which shows the House Un-American Activities investigation in San Francisco, and have been showing it everywhere we can to show not only that it can happen here, but that it is happening here.

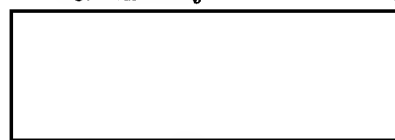
Here is a clipping from the Nashville Banner dated 11-21-60, showing what a couple of our local attorneys and a professor at Vanderbilt tried to put across at a meeting of Vanderbilt students. What I would like to have from you is a letter stating that the menace is real and that they are using college students and young people as pawns and dupes, along the lines of some of your statements in the talk you made on 10-3-60 to the International Assn. of Chiefs of Police, or remarks you made on 9-26-60 in which you expressed concern over the Communistic influence and aims on college campuses.

We want to use such a letter along with the clipping, such as I am sending you, along with our showing of the film "Operation Abolition" and if possible we want to show this film to the same group of students at Vanderbilt that is mentioned in the clipping.

You certainly have my sincere thanks for the splendid job that you and your department are doing and your book "Masters of Deceit" is excellent and my copy is being passed around to many people. Many thanks for any help you can give me along the above lines.

Cordially

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Panel Debates Role Of Subversion Investigations

By LAMAR ALEXANDER

A Vanderbilt University political science professor and two Nashville attorneys told Rep. J. Carlton Loser Sunday night that American civil liberties are being infringed upon by policies of the Federal government which are designed to eliminate subversion.

Loser, VU Prof. Robert J. Harris and Nashville attorneys Cecil D. Branstetter and Harry H. Chitwood spoke as a panel sponsored by the university Protestant community on the subject of "Subversion and Constitutional Freedom."

Dr. Harris, while emphasizing that national security and the maintenance of individual freedom are equally important, denounced the House UnAmerican Activities Committee as "comic strip detectives searching out subversives where they don't exist."

He said he would have to answer affirmatively the question whether the present policies of the Federal government attempting to eliminate subversion jeopardize Constitutional liberty.

"Both the Truman and Eisenhower administrations," he contended, "have smashed many reputations while finding out very few subversives."

Harris criticized the committee for not enabling the accused to confront his accuser.

Rep. Loser, on the other hand, totally disagreed with the professor about the effectiveness of the UnAmerican Activities Committee. "The committee," argued Loser, "performs the useful function in ferreting out Communism and preparing Americans for today's real situation."

The representative pointed out

that the present subversive statute of the government had been approved during the past 10 or 12 years by the Supreme Court and the subject should not be open to debate. He deemed the statute essential to the internal security of the United States.

Attorney Branstetter agreed with Prof. Harris that there is "a great danger from certain Senate and Congressional committees investigating subversion."

He stated that any country has a "right and duty to protect itself from within and without" but contended that "when you begin tampering with someone else's freedom of speech and press today, you will lose yours tomorrow."

Branstetter continued, "The first ten amendments (Bill of Rights) were passed to protect us from our own congressmen."

Chitwood, who described himself as "dedicated to the Constitution as it was written," criticized all three major branches of the Federal government for "going overboard by yielding to the clamor of public appeal."

Recent decisions of the Supreme Court drew special criticism from

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Chitwood for their variance from entirely based on the principle of the practice of rendering decisions stare decisis or common law.

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December 9, 1960

[Redacted Address]

Dallas 18, Texas

Dear Mr. [Redacted Name]

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Since Mr. Hoover has been called out of Washington, I am acknowledging your note postmarked December 2, 1960, and the copy of your letter to the John Birch Society. Please be assured that your communication will be brought to Mr. Hoover's attention upon his return. I know that he would want me to thank you for your kind message concerning the work being done by this Bureau and for your prayers.

Sincerely yours,

Helen W. Candy
Secretary

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This copy for Mr. J. Edgar Hoover.

To

The John Birch Society,
Belmont 78
Massachusetts

Dear Sir,

You are an alarmist, and that's good concerning some things like the god-less communism, But, and you know this better than I perhaps, that this is still GOD'S world and that the power of prayer and a good Christ - like example, plus good, sound positive deeds based on the philosophy of Truth and happiness still provide the best tools for offsetting this rush of communism, which is built upon fear & hatred. Sometime soon, a small leak will appear in the dam of communism & when it does, it will get larger & larger until the disease of communism will be drowned out.

I'm not suggesting any form of complacency whatsoever, but simply this:..... A love of ones neighbor makes it appear to me that a good, strong policy of human relations is badly needed in order to not only propagate the fight against communism but to propagate good christian actions along with this fight. Being an alarmist as I said before is good, but it becomes all too easy to slip from the intellectual to the emotional in constructing your views sometimes. Fear is alright when it springs from faith & respect, but fear can also become a real destroyer when gone rampant.

You are not being cast in this light by me, but these is an urgent appeal for continued strong measures based on love, and the human relations approach to our fight & those we're fighting. I know it can't always be done when dealing with gangster type people like Kruschev, but enough can be done in other circles where we would penetrate rather than build barriers of resentment by our fearful approach.

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J. Edgar Hoover

GOD bless you & your efforts!

Sincerely

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Dear Mr. Hoover,

There just aren't words to express my gratitude to you and the
persons in your Bureau. All of you remain in my daily prayers..
as poor as they are.....

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This copy for Mr. J. Edgar Hoover.

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To _____ Date _____ Gr. No. _____
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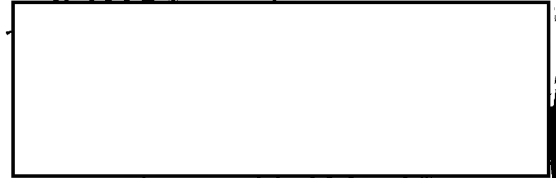
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December 13, 1960

Medway, Massachusetts

Dear Mrs. [REDACTED]

Your letter of December 6, 1960, has been received, and the interest which prompted you to write is appreciated.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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3-1-60 LEB Introduction & 17th National Convention
Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality
One Nation's Response to Communism
10-18-60 Speech

Communist Target--Youth
Expose of Soviet Espionage

NOTE: No record Bufiles identifiable with correspondent. An Atomic Energy Applicant Employee investigation was conducted in July, 1945, regarding one [REDACTED] who was at one time employed at Los Alamos, New Mexico.

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The John Birch Society was founded by Robert Welch of Belmont, Massachusetts, and is purported to be an anticommunist organization. We have conducted no investigation regarding it. Welch has been openly critical of President Eisenhower's administration in the past.

[Redacted]
Medway, Mass.

December 6, 1960

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington. D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover,

Realizing that many demands are made on your time, I hesitate to intrude with a personal problem, but do not know just where else to find the answer.

I have been invited to join a group known as " The John Birch Society " which is starting a new chapter in Medway and Millis (the adjoining town). I have been told that this is a local, Boston-area, non-political discussion group. However, the opinion has also been expressed that it is a fairly-widespread, radically Right-wing pressure organization.

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Since my husband is a "Q" cleared employee of an AEC prime contractor, and we lived in Los Alamos for five years, I am anxious to obtain more specific information about this Society, if it is available. If it is "slanted", we would be most reluctant to see it promoted locally.

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Appreciating in advance any help you may be able to give me, I am

Sincerely and respectfully

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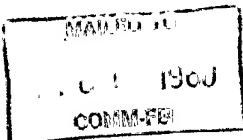
Dear [redacted]

Your letter dated December 5, 1960, has been received.

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107 West Fairview Avenue
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December 5, 1960

The Federal Bureau of Investigation
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Gentlemen:

I have recently been requested to join the ⁽¹⁾John Birch Society. The Society was originally sponsored by a Mr. Welch, a former North Carolina industrialist who now resides in Massachusetts. The official publication of the Society is the magazine American Opinion.

It seems to me that the aims and desires of the Society are in keeping with what I believe, however, I am reluctant to give it my full support until I am assured by a reputable source that it is all that it claims to be.

If it is possible for you to release this information could you please tell me whether or not the Society, its founder, its official publication, or its Board of Directors has in anyway been involved in activities against the best interest of the United States.

Very truly yours,

[Redacted Signature]

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El Dorado, Kansas

Dear Mr. [REDACTED]

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I have received your letter dated December 5, 1960, and your interest in writing to me is appreciated.

In response to your inquiry, I must advise that the jurisdiction and responsibilities of the FBI do not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. I am precluded, therefore, from furnishing the information you desire.

There are enclosed several items of literature concerning the menace of communism which you may like to read.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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NOTE ON YELLOW:

Correspondent requested information concerning Fred C. Koch, author of a pamphlet entitled "~~A~~ Business Man Looks At Communism." Correspondent believes it is a convincing piece of literature but wonders if it is a communist pamphlet.

Bureau files contain no identifiable information concerning the correspondent or the above pamphlet and no derogatory information concerning Koch. Koch is a wealthy industrialist in Wichita, Kansas, and has allegedly contributed considerable money and support to Robert Welch and his John Birch Society, an alleged anti-communist group. 62-104401-106

We have had some limited, cordial correspondence with Koch, most recently in January, 1960.

The following pieces of literature were sent to the correspondent:

"Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality"

"Communist Target - Youth"

"One Nation's Response to Communism"

"America - Freedom's Champion"

"What You Can Do To Fight Communism and Preserve America"

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 Mr. Mohr _____
 Mr. Parsons _____
 Mr. Belmont _____
 Mr. Casper _____
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December 5, 1960

El Dorado, Kansas

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
 Director
 United States Department of Justice
 Federal Bureau of Investigation
 Washington, 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

In only knowing of a great man such as yourself I'm more than humbled when it comes to the point of correspondence with an individual such as your stature.

I would appreciate your information in-so-far-as Communism in These United States is concerned, as could possibly pertain to a Mr. Fred C. Koch, who is the author of a pamphlet which was loaned to me by a friend down the hall in the building where I work. The name of the pamphlet is "A Business Man Looks At Communism", Edited as a first Edition in 1960, by I believe "Brooks Mail" publishing company with an address of P.O. Box 1633, Wichita, Kansas.

This book strikes me as a very convincing piece of literature but I'm at a loss when it comes to whether I believe this man as he states it or is it just a communist pamphlet put out to disrupt the steady flow of intellectual peoples or is this just an American Mans Red Blooded Attempt to drive home the fact that Communism is a dreaded enemy of us all.

I would appreciate an answer from you as to the aforementioned:

Thanking you in advance,

Yours very truly,

[Redacted Signature Box]

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Wichita 3, Kansas

Dear Mrs. [redacted]

Your letter of December 8, 1960, has been received, and the interest which prompted you to write is indeed appreciated.

The jurisdiction and responsibilities of the FBI do not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. However, I can advise you that the John Birch Society has not been investigated by this Bureau, but this should not be construed as a clearance or nonclearance of this organization by the FBI.

Enclosed is some material regarding the general subject of communism which may be of interest.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover
Director

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3-1-60 LEB Introduction & 17th National Convention
Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality
One Nation's Response to Communism
10-18-60 Speech
Communist Target--Youth
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NOTE: No record Bufiles identifiable with correspondent. The John Birch Society was forwarded by Robert Welch of Belmont,

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NOTE CONTINUED: Massachusetts, and is purported to be an anticommunist organization. We have conducted no investigation regarding it. Welch has at times been openly critical of President Eisenhower's administration. Former SA, Maurice William Corcoran, EOD 9-21-42, resigned 12-27-57. Services satisfactory. Bufiles indicate that Dwight Cooke is mentioned as being a Harvard graduate, class of 1931, who resides in New York City. He has a background of theater and radio. Although there are many references to Cooke, we have conducted no investigation regarding him. Correspondent's reference to Cooke is not being acknowledged in that she was advised above that we furnish no evaluations regarding individuals.

December 8, 1960

J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
9th and Pennsylvania Ave. N.W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Mr. Maurice W. Corcoran, and ex-FBI agent and now head of the Wichita Crime Commission has recommended that I write to you and inquire concerning the John Birch Society.

A group of our friends here in Wichita have started a local chapter and have invited us to join. Since we are as anxious to fight Communism as they are, we attended one of their meetings. However, my husband and I have wondered since, if there would be chance for infiltration there and we might become victims of the very thing which we are fighting.

My husband has been an Aviation Safety Agent with the Federal Aviation Administration for 17 years. We have lived here in Wichita for 10 years and my husband was recently transferred to the FAA Standardization Center in Oklahoma City, as an instructor.

Our friends want us to start a John Birch Society there, but we do not want to do so, if it would mar my husband's record in any way. He has always been a civil servant loyal to our government and remained free of any organization which might become subversive. Now, as we see the danger of Communism increasing, we would like to do anything we can to keep our nation strong and free.

Mr. Corcoran suggested that I explain all of this to you, just as I have told it to him. ~~and that you~~ He felt that you would be able to give me the right answer.

Incidentally, a man named Dwight Cooke spoke to a group of women here in Wichita, recently. He is supposedly a news analyst and commentator and was brought here thru a lecture circuit out of New York City. His speech alarmed many of us because he advocated co-existence, a massive education program and in his own words "Chiang's government is one of the worst dictatorships the world has ever known." His subject was, "You and the World." He also tried to tell one woman who argued with him afterwards that Alger Hiss was not a Communist. Do you have any information on him?

Very truly yours,

Wichita 8, Kansas

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Corpus Christi, Texas

Dear Mr. [Redacted]

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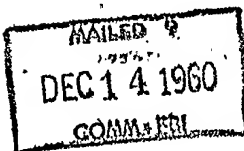
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Your letter of December 4, 1960, with enclosure, has been received, and the interest which prompted you to write is indeed appreciated.

While I would like to be of assistance, the FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not furnish evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. Information in our files is regarded as confidential due to regulations of the Department of Justice. I hope you will not infer, however, that we do or do not have information regarding the subjects of your inquiry.

As a matter of policy, I cannot recommend books to you. I am enclosing several reprints about communism which are available for distribution from this Bureau.

Sincerely yours,



John Edgar Hoover
Director

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17th National Convention & Introduction 3-60 LEB

Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality

(One Nation's Response to Communism

Communist Party, USA

Series from "Christianity Today" issues of 10-10, 10-24 & 11-7-60

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Mr. [REDACTED]

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NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles. The John Birch Society is allegedly an anticommunist organization with branches over the various parts of the country. Our field offices have been alerted to watch its activities inasmuch as its head, Robert Welch, indicated at one time that he thought a group having the appearance of a front organization might be effective in attracting true subversives. Welch has, in the past, also attacked President Eisenhower and his Administration in his writings. Howard D. Smoot, former SA, resigned following censure, probation and transfer due to several unfounded charges made by him against his SAC, and due to his dereliction in not apprising the Bureau of certain matters. He was not recommended for reinstatement. He publishes "The Dan Smoot Report" at Dallas, Texas, on a weekly basis. This newssheet deals with various topics such as communism, desegregation, etc. and its articles are frequently controversial. The Bureau has never investigated "Public Action, Inc.;" however, numerous inquiries have been received concerning this organization and [REDACTED]. Bufiles reflect that Mrs. [REDACTED] has been affiliated with several front groups. The above reply deemed necessary in view of the combination of inquiries. "Files confidential" type replies have always been given regarding Public Action, Inc.

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Corpus Christi, Texas

December 4, 1960

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

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DATE 9/11/84 BY [Redacted]

Dear Sir,

Like many another person in the United States, I have recently become concerned with Socialism, Communism, and the consequences of certain economical decisions in this country.

Therefore it was inevitable that eventually I would become aware of "The John Birch Society" and "American Opinion" magazine of Belmont, Massachusetts and "The Dan Smoot Report" of Dallas, Texas. The information presented by these sources causes me some concern in that it differs substantially when compared to material that I am used to reading in the newspapers and magazines; at the same time, it appeals to me. I am somewhat confused and know of no direction to turn except to you.

You may not be able to tell me if all they say is absolutely true or if the Birch Society methods of achieving their objective are justified. However, I would like to know if this organization and Dan Smoot are pure-in-heart, so to speak. Or do they have any connection whatsoever with the movement they purport to be fighting--Communism?

Any help you can give me with this problem will be greatly appreciated. Also I would appreciate any suggestions as to reading material along this line which I could obtain. I have already read your book, "Masters of Deceit."

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I just received some information from a group called "Public Action, Inc.", A Service for Conservatives which will advise on bills before Congress. Do you have any information on them?

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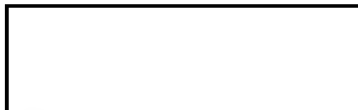
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Tempe, Arizona

Dear Miss

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Your letter of December 8, 1960, has been received, and the interest which prompted you to write is indeed appreciated.

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This Bureau does not publish or maintain a list such as you described. You can obtain a list of organizations which have been cited by the Attorney General pursuant to Executive Order 10450 by writing to the Subversive Organizations Section, Internal Security Division, U. S. Department of Justice, Washington 25, D. C. Enclosed is some material regarding the general subject of communism which you may find of interest.

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Sincerely yours,

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Tempe, Arizona
Dec. 8, 1960

Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sirs:

If available, I would like the latest listing of the Communist or subversive organizations in the United States. Also, I would like any available information you may have on the John Burch Committee.

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I would appreciate your prompt consideration of this matter.

If you cannot supply this information, could you tell me where it could be obtained?

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

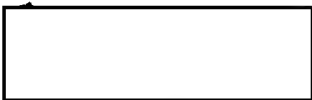
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Thank you very much.

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-371448)

DATE: 12/2/60

FROM : SAC, DETROIT (100-18676)

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

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Re "The Detroit Free Press" article dated November 28, 1960, captioned "Will Pursued Young Man Run Again?" which article sets forth certain background information concerning captioned individual subsequent to his testimony before the House Committee on Un-American Activities (HCUA) in May, 1954, at which time he took the Fifth Amendment.

The following information is being set forth for the information of the Bureau as background information concerning referenced article and inasmuch as other similar situations could occur resulting in newspaper publicity:

On June 14, 1960, [REDACTED] a discontinued Bureau Informant who has publicly testified for the HCUA, telephonically contacted SA [REDACTED] at the Flint Resident Agency at which time she stated that captioned individual was now employed as a social worker and/or teacher at the Whaley Home, Flint, Michigan. She stated that he was hired by Mr. [REDACTED] and she learned that he had pictures of PAUL ROBSON and others hanging on his bulletin board in his office. The above was furnished for information.

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- (1 - 62-104407 JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY)
- (1 - CARDINAL MINDZENTI SOCIETY)
- (1 - [REDACTED] 100-37831)

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- (1 - [REDACTED])
- (1 - 100-187182 [REDACTED])
- (1 - 100-27934 JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY)
- (1 - 100-0 CARDINAL MINDZENTI SOCIETY)

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It is noted that [] was deleted from Security Index by letter dated May 8, 1959, and had continued on the Revised Communist Index subsequent thereto. Subject's case has not been reopened under the present Reserve Index Program.

A review of Subject's file reflects no investigation has been conducted concerning him subsequent to May, 1959. However, on October 3, 1958, [] of the Whaley Home, was contacted by SA WILLIAM S. HAUSER concerning temporary employment at the Whaley Home of the Subject from the middle of June, 1958, through approximately the middle of September, 1958, at which time Subject left this employment to complete his graduate work at the University of Michigan and to perform part-time work at the Detroit Orthopedic Clinic, 5447 Woodward, Detroit.

It is noted that the Whaley Home referred to by [] is the Whaley Memorial Foundation, [] the Donald M. Whaley Home, 1201 North Grand Traverse, Flint, Michigan.

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Captain [] Flint, Michigan, Police Department, a member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Flint, Michigan, also advised SA [] of the above information and further stated that the Whaley Memorial operates on funds bequeathed to that Foundation from the estate of DONALD WHALEY, deceased, a former member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church. The vestry of this church acts as Board of Directors of the Whaley Foundation.

On July 11, 1960, Mrs. [] aka. [] which name she uses as a pen name, telephonically advised SA [] that she is employed as a [] in the restricted area of the AC Spark Plug, Flint, Michigan. She became interested in the problem of the Communist threat to the United States after listening to HERBERT PHILBRICK in a talk he gave at Mt. Morris, Michigan, in June, 1960. She stated she later became interested in the John Birch Society and the Cardinal Mindzenti Society in Flint and has attended their meetings. She stated that one [] at AC and a member of the John Birch Society, and other persons like [] intended to do something about the Fifth Amendment Communists infiltration into the Flint area schools; however, nothing specific was furnished as to what they intended to do. Mrs. [] voluntarily stated that she would keep SA [] advised of the John Birch Society and the Cardinal Mindzenti Society.

On November 10, 1960, [] a personal acquaintance of SA [] advised that he heard a talk given by [] on November 10, 1960, at the St. Agnes Roman Catholic Church, Flint, before a group of women of the Alter Society and a few male guests, including the two priests stationed at St. Agnes. In his talk, [] stated that he was born in what is now East Germany and had been a Russian prisoner of war during World War II. He came to the United States in about 1952, however, still had close relatives in East Germany. He talked of the horrors of Communism in his homeland and stated that after becoming a United States citizen, he was convinced he should alert the people in the United States to the dangers of Communism. Although he talked in generalization, [] stated he summed up his talk by stating that a Communist, [] was teaching school in a Genesee County School; that [] was teaching at the Whaley Home in Flint, and noted that this home cares for problem children, and the facilities of this home are used by the Red Feather in Flint. He stated that through efforts of the Cardinal Mindzenti Society, [] was temporarily relieved of his assignments in the "Big Brother" program in Flint. He also stated that [] a known Communist, is working for the University of Michigan in Flint, and that two Communists who hold or held prominent positions in the Communist Party, [] and her husband, had recently left Flint. He further described the Unitarian Church in Flint as a haven for Communists and liberals.

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According to [] had available for examination originals and Photostatic copies of articles from "The Flint Journal," the HCUA Hearings of 1954 in Flint, documents of the Unitarian Church, and others to corroborate his statements.

On November 1, 1960, SA [] received a letter from the above-mentioned [] which stated in effect that a meeting had been held at the Red Feather Office in Flint, Michigan, on October 20, 1960, at which time [] and others had been present. Subject of this meeting was "Employment of an Identified Communist at the Whaley Home." Result of this meeting was a promise from Mr. [] of the Red Feather Agency that he would call in the middle of November with an answer concerning this problem.

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On November 15, 1960, Mr. [] and Mr. [] from the Red Feather Agency in Flint appeared at the Flint, Michigan, Resident Agency and furnished substantially the same information as revealed in Mrs. [] letter. They were seeking advice

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from the FBI as to what course of action they might take. They were advised that the FBI could not furnish any advice in the matter and that any decision in this regard would have to be of their own volition. They stated they appreciated the FBI's position, however, that they would probably temporarily stop referring children to the Whaley Home. They stated they had discussed the problem with Mr. [redacted] mentioned above. They stated that according to [redacted] he had no complaints with [redacted] quality of work at the Whaley Home and did not intend to suspend him at this time. They stated that at least two large contributors to the Red Feather stated that [redacted] [redacted] should be fired.

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They also stated that [redacted] had told them that the organization [redacted]

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[redacted] the necessary pressure or influence to get [redacted] out of the Whaley Home. She indicated that [redacted] was the first of many this group intends to expose as Fifth Amendment Communists.

On November 15, 1960, Captain [redacted] mentioned above, stated that he for one was cutting down on his financial pledge to the church as long as the church continues to tolerate [redacted] employment at the Whaley Home. He stated that he knows that other individuals who are also members of this church have done likewise, but that this happens to be a very wealthy church and that this lack of funds will probably not influence the activities or actions of the vestry of this church concerning the operation of the Whaley Home.

On November 16, 1960, Mr. [redacted] General Motors Corporation (GMC), Flint, Michigan, a person who has frequently furnished reliable information to the Bureau in the past, voluntarily advised SA [redacted] that he understood [redacted] mentioned above, was representing himself as a GM executive when giving his talks before various organizations and groups in Flint. He stated that [redacted] actually is [redacted] at the AC Spark Plug Division, GMC, and that he had had a long talk with [redacted] wherein he exacted the promise from [redacted] that he would discontinue from referring to himself as a GM executive. [redacted] advised that [redacted] had also informed him of the above-mentioned employment of [redacted] [redacted] and [redacted].

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As a result of the statement in referenced newspaper article to the effect that [] latest trouble started when an FBI Agent came to see [] and the inference of a recent contact of [] by the FBI, [] was personally contacted on November 28, 1960, by SA [] and SA [] in order to clarify his statement. [] stated that in discussing the matter with the newspapers, he had not intended to give the impression of a recent contact by the FBI that his only contact by the FBI concerning [] was in the fall of 1958, at which time the Agent wanted to review the personnel file on the Subject and [] furnished him all pertinent information from this file. [] stated that he believed that sometime during this contact he learned that [] had been a witness before the HCUA in Flint in 1954, however, he was not certain of this nor could he recall the identity of the Agent to whom he talked. He stated that [] was not presently employed at the Whaley Home at the time of the contact having left to go back to school and/or other employment. He stated the most recent association with [] began in the spring of 1959 when [] again applied for work at the Whaley Home with his Master's Degree, and [] assumed that [] "must be all right" inasmuch as he had previously told him he was going to school on a scholarship, the funds for which were furnished by the United States Government. He felt that if there was anything derogatory concerning [] the government would undoubtedly take this scholarship away from him. [] stated that shortly after [] re-employment at the Whaley Home, he started to receive inquiries, first from the [] from the St. Paul's Episcopal Church as to what type of employee [] was and later by telegrams, Photostats of HCUA Hearings, and 1954 copies of "The Flint Journal" newspaper articles pointing out that [] was a Fifth Amendment Communist. [] stated that he told [] and still feels that [] should not be released as long as he continues to do the fine job that he is doing at the Whaley Home. [] stated that he has further received calls from [] whom he knew to be a former FBI Informant and who had testified for the United States Government and from representatives of the American Legion, The American Committee for Americans, and others criticizing him for his action. He stated that from all the calls and letters he had received, it was obvious to him that [] testimony before the HCUA was public knowledge, and he therefore saw nothing wrong in telling the reporter that the FBI had inquired of him concerning the Subject. He acknowledged he had been requested to keep the visit confidential.

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[] stated that apparently "The Flint Journal" and "The Detroit Free Press" had received letters indicating that [] was at the Whaley Home and that these letters had prompted the inquiry and subsequent article in "The Detroit Free Press."

It is noted that to date nothing has appeared in "The Flint Journal" concerning []

For the information of the Bureau, records of the Detroit Office fail to reflect any information concerning the Cardinal Mindzenti Society referred to above.

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Detroit File 100-27934, JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY, reflects that [] was identified in Detroit letter to the Bureau dated April 13, 1960, Page 2, as being a member of the Flint Chapter of the John Birch Society.

Detroit files reflect that one [] Flint, Michigan, signed a CP Nominating Petition in 1940 in order to place the CP on the ballot in the November, 1940, elections.

Copies of this communication are being submitted for the files on [] who was deleted from the Security Index by Bureau letter to Detroit dated August 12, 1959, and who is now on the Revised Communist Index of the Detroit Office inasmuch as similar action may be taken by the above-mentioned groups concerning [] at a later date.

It is to be noted records of the Detroit Office reflect Subject to be currently teaching third grade students at the Hamady School, Westwood Heights, Flint, Michigan, as of September 19, 1960. It is noted [] file is presently in a closed status and has not been reviewed under the current Reserve Index Program.

Regarding [] mentioned above, Detroit files reflect she is currently on the Security Index of this Office and a pending report of SA [] was submitted November 8, 1960. A separate recommendation as to further handling of her case will be submitted to the Bureau, however, it is not contemplated that any interview of [] will be requested in the near future in view of the above-mentioned situation in Flint.

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It is further recommended that [] be recontacted by two mature, experienced security Agents and impressed with the necessity to be circumspect in all her activities so as not to bring embarrassment to herself as a former Government witness and/or the FBI. Unless advised to the contrary, this will be done and the Bureau will be appropriately advised.

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Mr.
B-C Grain Company, Inc.
Post Office Box 283
Pecos, Texas

Dear Mr.

I have received your letter of December 9 and appreciate this opportunity to clarify our position for you.

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The authority of the FBI is limited by statutory regulation to the collection of facts and evidence in matters within our jurisdiction and does not extend to making recommendations or evaluations based on information in our files. The FBI is not a policy-making agency and its responsibilities do not infringe on those of the judicial branch of our Government. This relationship between investigator and judge is, of course, entirely proper and is another safeguard of the rights secured to every individual by the Constitution.

In answer to your question, this policy of the FBI extends to all organizations, publications and individuals regardless of the nature of information we may or may not have in our files.

I hope that this explanation will make our stand clear to you.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

NOTE: wrote on 5-18-60 requesting the Director's opinion of the John Birch Society. The Director replied on 5-26-60 pointing out the long-standing policy of this Bureau not to comment on the character or integrity of any individual, organization or publication. Bufiles contain no derogatory information regarding

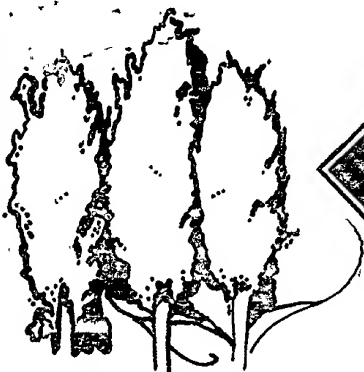
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J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover;

Last May 18 I wrote you asking for information and your opinion (which is respected) of the John Birch Society. I recieved from you a short note stating that it was aga-
inst the policy of the F.B.I. to make such a statement.

I found this reply very unsatisfactory in several respects. And somewhat disappointing. The other night I got to thinking about this and decided to voice my opinion.

My objection to your stated policy is this: If a citizen cannot get the facts and an opinion of a group that is actively engaged in trying to shape american opinion and government policy from an agency of the government that is directly concerned with the security of the nation, how is he to be protected, and where is he to get this vital information ?

Had I asked about a known communist front, would I have recieved the same reply ?

May I state here that I did some checking on my own, through such people as Goldwater, Justice Phelps and Dr. Robert Morris, and after learning the names of the americans on the council, and decided that this was a very sound libertarian group, and could be effective. I joined the Birch Society and am a chapter leader.

I shall be awaiting your reply to this inquiry, since I am very much interested in your thinking of this matter of policy. I want to extend to you my personal thanks for your many years of outstanding service to our country, and for the many years that are yet to come for you in the service our country.

Very sincerely yours,



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[Redacted]

West Lafayette, Indiana

Dear Mrs. [Redacted]

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DATE 9-7-89 BY [Redacted]

Your letter of December 12, 1960, has been received, and the interest which prompted you to write is indeed appreciated.

In response to your inquiry, the House Committee on Un-American Activities has as one of its primary responsibilities the recommendation of appropriate legislation regarding subversive activities to the Congress, and I have always felt the Committee makes a contribution in its public disclosure of the forces that menace America. The work that the Committee has performed, and is performing, serves as a guide for sincere groups who are carrying on a militant campaign of exposure of communist activities.

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Enclosed is some material dealing with the general subject of communism which may be of interest to you.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Follow up for 12-27-60.

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2 - Indianapolis - Enclosures (2)

Attention SAC: Mrs. [Redacted] should be contacted in an effort to ascertain the identity of the Special Agent who talked to her relative to the House Committee on Un-American Activities. Mr. or Mrs. [Redacted] and Mrs. [Redacted] are not identifiable in Bufiles. SA's identity, together with full particulars, should be forwarded to the Bureau under caption, "Mrs. [Redacted] West Lafayette, Indiana, Research (Correspondence and Tours), to reach the Bureau no later than December 27, 1960.

1 - Mr. Callahan - Enclosure

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Expose of Soviet Espionage
Communist Target--Youth

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[REDACTED]
W. Lafayette, Indiana

Dear Sirs,

I know this is a very small thing to complain to you about, but I'm going to anyway.

We are trying to establish chapters of The John Birch Society here in Lafayette & West Lafayette.

Unfortunately, so many of the good people are so poorly informed that they think we're subversive. Anyway, Mrs. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Lafayette, Indiana)

[REDACTED] is telling everyone that The John Birch Society supports the Un-American Activities Committee & that she [REDACTED] was talking to an F.B.I. man who told her that, "the Un-American Activities Committee doesn't do any good, since it hasn't discovered anything the F.B.I. didn't already know." This kind of talk going on across all the bridge tables & all the womens meetings (she belongs to all of them) doesn't help anyone a bit & may hurt a great deal. A letter from you to her, stating in no uncertain terms that the F.B.I. is behind, not against the HUAC will be greatly appreciated by me & others of us, who are currently waging a campaign (its tougher than I thought) at Purdue University on this very subject. Thank you very much for anything you can do.

Yours sincerely,

/s/ Mrs.) [REDACTED]

Monday the 12th of Dec.

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Beaumont, Texas

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Dear Mrs. [Redacted]

Your letter of December 13, 1960, with enclosure, has been received. While I would like to be of assistance with regard to your inquiry, as a matter of policy I cannot comment relative to the article you enclosed. You may wish to consider the advisability of corresponding directly with The Honorable, The Secretary of State, Washington 25, D. C.

The jurisdiction and responsibilities of the FBI do not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. However, I can advise you that the John Birch Society has not been investigated by this Bureau, but this should not be construed as a clearance or nonclearance of this organization by the FBI.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles. The John Birch Society was organized by Robert Welch in December, 1958, at Indianapolis, Indiana. It is allegedly an anticommunist organization with branches over various parts of the country. Welch has been quite critical of President Eisenhower and his Administration. SAC letter 60-5 calls this organization to the attention of the field and instructs them that any information on their activities should be furnished to the Bureau.

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Mrs. [REDACTED]
Beaumont, Texas

Dec. 13, 1960

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

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My dear Mr. Hoover,

I am enclosing herewith a clipping from our local paper which gives me much concern in the seeming naive attitude of the State Department in estimating the purpose and means employed by the Soviet Union and Communist block in its aid to underdeveloped nations.

An increase of 46 % in ten months of 1960 over 12 months in 1959, with the corresponding increase in "technicians" is not an increase to be brushed off.

Do the conclusions expressed in this Associated Press release agree with your knowledge of Communist techniques for world conquest, or do they represent intentionally slanted (a kind word!) reports designed to lull the American people to sleep?

May I have a report please, on the John Birch Society which has recently come to my attention?

Very truly yours

/s/

(Mrs. [REDACTED])

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BEAUMONT ENTERPRISE

YOUR HOME NEWSPAPER FOR EIGHTY YEARS

Communist Bloc Extends Over Billion Dollars in Aid To Needy Nations in 1960

BEAUMONT, TEXAS, MONDAY, DECEMBER 12, 1960

Associated Press, New York Times News Service
and AP Wirephoto Service

22 Pages

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11 (AP)—The Communist Bloc stepped up its aid to underdeveloped nations in 1960 to more than a billion dollars. But U. S. officials are less concerned by these Red efforts than they were two years ago.

State Department figures show the Communist Bloc extended \$1,349,000,000 to 20 nations during the first 10 months of this year. For all of 1959 when U. S. diplomats expressed alarm at the Red aid drive—the total was 978 million. This dropped to 922 million in 1959.

\$1.6 Billion

Over-all, the figures indicate the Russian-Red Chinese group has doled out almost \$1.6 billion between 1954 and Oct. 31 this year. Since 1958, only three nations have been added to the list—left-leaning Cuba, Ghana and Guinea.

Officials keeping an eye on Soviet Bloc efforts do not try to minimize their importance, but they concede that some dark predictions made two years ago proved to be exaggerated.

There were somber hints in 1958 that Soviet technicians were being sent to recipient countries as camouflaged agents whose main aim was to spread the Communist gospel.

Today officials said the State Department is satisfied this is not true.

They described the Soviet experts—and there are hundreds of them in every country receiving bloc aid—as mostly technicians.

Friendly Atmosphere

U. S. diplomats here now believe that, rather than using its aid program for infiltration the communist bloc trying to create an atmosphere of friendliness, to demonstrate the high level of its industry.

Eighteen nations which received \$3,223,000,000 in Communist Bloc aid from 1955 through 1959 got \$5,720,000,000 from the United States in the same period. But the United States began giving aid to these countries in 1948 and since then the total has reached \$10,020,000,000.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : SAC, LITTLE ROCK (100-3396)

SUBJECT: THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
INTERNAL SECURITY

DATE: 12/19/60

Re SAC Letter 60-5 dated 1/26/60 and Little Rock airtel 10/24/60.

On 12/15/60 [redacted]
[redacted] Little Rock, Arkansas, volunteered the following information to SA [redacted]: ATTENDED MEETING - SUBJECT ORGANIZATION

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In the early part of November 1960 he was invited to attend a meeting at the home of [redacted] Little Rock. When he attended he learned that it was a meeting of The John Birch Society. He stated others he recalls being in attendance were [redacted] and [redacted] who have extensive farm holdings at Scott, Arkansas, [redacted] employed at Spaulding Sporting Goods Store, Little Rock, [redacted] of Brandon Furniture Store, and [redacted] (phonetic), and a couple of young doctors and their wives. He advised that there were approximately 20-25 persons in attendance on this occasion. It appeared to him that some man, name not recalled, from Dallas, Texas, was more or less in charge of this meeting.

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During the course of this meeting, slides identified as prepared by [redacted] Harding College, Searcy, Arkansas, and taped narration were shown. These slides were factual portrayals of newspaper, magazine and similar type publication headlines and photographs.

During the course of this meeting the thought was conveyed that purpose of this society was to create an active interest and participation on the part of responsible, reputable and reliable persons in loyalty and patriotism to the United States. The theme of the meeting was to the effect that outside forces, particularly Communism, were making great inroads into the United States tending to bring

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about a downfall of the United States. He remembered a phrase often used that because of the actions and accomplishments of outside forces, the "bastion of liberty and democracy would fall like a ripe plum into the hands of the Communists." He interpreted this to have reference to the United States falling.

During the course of discussions at this meeting the idea was stressed that outside forces were successful to a great degree in the United States because of the apathy and lackadaisical attitude of the citizens of the United States in that many of the responsible citizens are seeking personal gain from the benefits of living in the United States and most reluctant to make any kind of sacrifice for the benefit of the United States. He cited an illustration of this was the indifference of many responsible and allegedly reputable young men of the country who resisted efforts to induct them or to serve in the armed forces of the United States during the Korean conflict.

Several other topics were discussed such as the fact that only communication maintained between the United States and England is by means of trans-Atlantic cable laid and maintained by an electrical workers' union and the fact that many labor unions of this country are Communist infiltrated and in some cases possibly dominated was mentioned.

Another fact mentioned was that WALTER REUTHER, the labor organizer, had sometime in the past spent one year in Moscow.

Magazines such as Look, Time, and Newsweek were criticized for improper and erroneous reporting. U. S. News and World Report was mentioned as a popular publication tending to report accurately.

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A quantity of literature and a book which he described as being a fairly thick volume with a blue cover was available for purchase by persons in attendance and these items were of a nominal cost. There was no pressure or encouragement to get those in attendance to purchase these and it was merely stated these were available if anybody cared to purchase same. [redacted] stated he did buy the blue-covered book but he cannot recall the title appearing on it and he could not relate information concerning the contents. [redacted] stated he was not solicited to join this society and did not join.

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He related that in his opinion all of the persons in attendance known to him are in the younger age group of the early 30's and are fairly prominent, reputable, responsible, and reliable persons.

No specific questions were asked of him concerning this organization in view of instructions in referenced SAC Letter stating that no investigation should be conducted.

[] was told the FBI appreciates receipt of information from citizens concerning any organization or group in the United States for information purposes and for the purpose of enabling the FBI to discharge its responsibilities. It was made clear to Mr. [] that the FBI is not conducting any type investigation concerning The John Birch Society.

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Mr. [] stated he was prompted to discuss this matter with the FBI because of the fact he became somewhat aroused, concerned, and had not heard much concerning this organization from any other source. He commented that he is interested in this organization to the extent that he directed a letter to the Attorney General of the United States seeking information. His letter was answered, however, the information furnished was non-specific and in effect said nothing to satisfy his curiosity.

He advised he understands that some of the other persons in attendance have corresponded with Senators and Representatives from the State of Arkansas concerning this organization and the replies they received were non-specific and furnished actually no information to satisfy their curiosity. [] related that if any additional information comes to his attention concerning this society which he feels might be of interest or value to the FBI, he will furnish same.

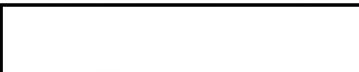
He volunteered to loan the blue book which he purchased to the FBI but his offer was declined.

No further action is being taken concerning this matter in accordance with instructions contained in referenced SAC Letter.

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Long Beach 10, California

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Dear Mr.

Your letter of December 15, 1960, has been received, and your concern regarding the menace of communism is certainly understandable.

Although I would like to be of service, the FBI is an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not make evaluations or draw conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. I regret that I am unable to help you and hope that you will not infer in this connection either that we do or that we do not have data in our files relating to the subject of your inquiry.

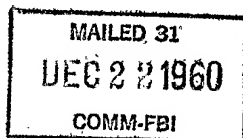
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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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[redacted]
Long Beach 10, Calif.

Dec. 15, 1960

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington 25 D. C.

Dear Sir;

Until recently I did not know that I "personally" was in the
fight against Communism. I was a "bystander".

Since "bystanding" and "fence-sitting" are impossible, I am
requesting reports on the John Birch Society as to how they
stand and what they are doing and also one on the Henry George
School of Social Science. Further, as I am a member of the
International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, I would like
to know how they stand in this fight against comunism and as
to Communist Leadership and activity.

I was employed for a while at the Hanford Atomic Energy Plant
so I believe you have my record on file. If in any way I can
be of service to my Country in this fight, please advise as
I would consider it an honor and a privilege.

Yours truly,

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Houston 21, Texas

Dear Mr.



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DATE 9/7/89 BY [signature]

Your letter of December 14, 1960, has been received, and your generous remarks are sincerely appreciated. Although I would like to be of service, we do not have available for distribution any information pertaining to firearms registration as this is a matter of local responsibility.

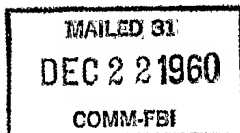
May I point out that this Bureau does not maintain or publish a list such as you mentioned in your communication. It is suggested that you contact the Subversive Organizations Section, Internal Security Division, United States Department of Justice, Washington 25, D. C., from which you can obtain a list of the organizations cited by the Attorney General of the United States. You may be able to locate in your public library a copy of the "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," prepared and released by the Un-American Activities Committee of the United States House of Representatives.

Enclosed is some material dealing with the general subject of communism, some of which contains suggestions as to what we Americans can do. If additional copies of any of this literature are desired, please do not hesitate to call on us.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director



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NOTE: No record Bufiles identifiable with correspondent. The John Birch Society is purported to be an anticommunist group and was founded by Robert Welch of Belmont, Massachusetts. He has been openly critical of President Eisenhower's administration. We have not investigated the group.

HOUSTON 21, TEXAS
December 14, 1960

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Mr. Hoover:

The Houston Crime Commission and District Attorney-elect Frank Briscoe, favor a firearms registration act for Houston. I am violently opposed to such legislation for obvious reasons. If your office has any information on the Communist Partys forcing of this issue in other states I would very much like to have it. I believe that this information would put a stop to this movement in Houston. The John Birch Society, of which I am a member, and other organizations are fighting this movement now. If I have this information I think I can get the Houston Junior Chamber of Commerce interested also.

Also, I am interested in any information you may have on the communist infiltration of the movie and television industries including the performers and personalities of these industries. The communist propaganda through these two media have really gotten out of hand - - for example: Inherit The Wind, On The Beach and The Sacco-Vanzetti Case. What can be done to stop this communist propaganda?

If you have a list of the current communist front organizations I would also like a copy of them.

Mr. Hoover, I want to congratulate you on the excellent job you are doing. If we had more dedicated men like you and fewer politicians this country would be much better off.

Thanking you in advance for this information, I am

Respectfully yours,

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December 27, 1960

[Redacted]

Midland, Texas

Dear Mr. [Redacted]

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NOTE: No record Bufiles identifiable with correspondent. The John Birch Society is purported to be an anticommunist group and was founded by Robert Welch of Belmont, Massachusetts. He has been openly critical of President Eisenhower's administration. We have not investigated the group.

Midland, Texas
December 19, 1960

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director.
Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Could you please give me your opinion of the
~~John Birch Society~~. I am presently considering
~~joining this organization~~. The society has a
reputation of being one of the country's leading
action groups in fighting communism.

I found your book Masters of Deceit very
enlightening. If you have any further information
on the communist conspiracy, would you please
send it to me? I will gladly pay any charges
involved.

Thank you for your interest. I am thankful
that we have a man of your stature as Director
of this country's foremost law enforcement agency.

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Midland, Texas

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Greater Lafayette Chamber of
Commerce, Inc.
Post Office Box 1352 O.C.S.
Lafayette, Louisiana

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Dear Mr. [Redacted]

Your letter of December 17, 1960, has been received, and the interest which prompted you to write is appreciated.

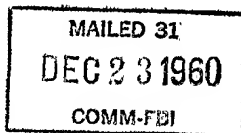
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Enclosed is some material regarding the general subject of communism which may be of interest.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director



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Greater Lafayette Chamber of Commerce, Inc.

P. O. Box 1352 O. C. S. 1300 Oak Avenue

LAFAYETTE, LOUISIANA

December 17, 1960

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

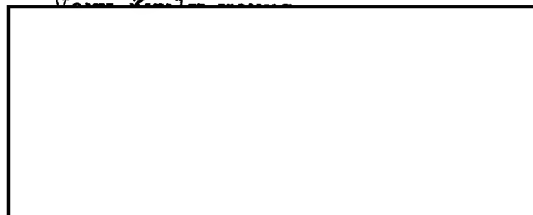
Dear Mr. Hoover:

Would you be so kind as to provide me with any available information on the organization known as The John Birch Society, and also information on the gentleman heading the organization, Mr. Robert Welch.

Our Chamber of Commerce has had an inquiry and of major concern to the inquirer.

Has this group been identified with any un-American activities?

Any assistance you can provide will be greatly appreciated.



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December 28, 1960

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Antelope, Montana

Dear Mrs. [redacted]

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Your letter dated December 18, 1960, with enclosure, has been received.

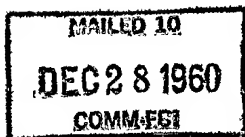
Although I would like to be of service, the function of this Bureau as strictly a fact-gathering agency of the Federal Government does not extend to furnishing evaluations or drawing conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. I can inform you, however, that we have not investigated the group you named, but this should not be construed as being either a clearance or nonclearance of the organization.

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Sincerely yours,

L. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director



NOTE: The John Birch Society is allegedly an anticommunist organization with branches over the various parts of the country. Our field offices have been alerted to watch its activities inasmuch as its head, Robert Welch, indicated at one time that he thought a group having the appearance of a front organization might be effective in attracting true subversives. Welch has, in the past, also attacked President Eisenhower and his Administration in his writings. No record Bufiles on correspondent or her husband.

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Antelope, Montana
December 18, 1960

J. Edgar Hoover
F.B.I.
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

Do you have any information which you can divulge on the John Birch Society founded December 9, 1958 by Robert Welch? The address of the Society is Belmont 78, Mass. It claims to be an organization strictly for fighting Communism. A chapter of the John Birch Society has been started at Plentywood, Montana. I would like to become active in it if one can accept the Society for what it says it is, but would like some assurance if possible that it is on the up and up.

On a separate sheet I'm enclosing the list of council members working with Welch for this John Birch Society. The paper he puts out monthly is called "American Opinion."

If you could give me any added information on this organization I would appreciate it very much, as would about 25 others whom have been attending the meetings and are interested in working actively in it if it can be given a clean bill of health.

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Sincerely,

Mrs



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J. Edgar Hoover

The Council of The John Birch Society

[redacted] - a Boston surgeon

Mr. Thomas J. Anderson. Editor and Publisher of Farm and Ranch

Hon. T. Coleman Andrews. Former Commissioner of Internal Revenue
of the United States.

Hon. Spruille Braden. Former Ambassador to several countries,
former Assistant Secretary of State.

Col. Laurence E. Bunker. Former Personal Aide to General Douglas
Mac-Arthur for 6½ years.

Mr. S.J. Conner - Chicago business man. President of the Conroth
Company.

Mr. [redacted]
and affiliated companies, Los Angeles.

Dr. S.M. Draskovich. Author of Tito, Moscow's Trojan Horse.
Editor in chief of Srpska Borba, in Chicago

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Mr. Wm. J. Grede. President of Grede Foundries, Inc., Milwaukee.

Mr. [redacted], Two
Rivers, Wisconsin.

Mr. A. G. Heinsohn, Jr. President, Cherokee Mills, Sevierville,
Tenn.

Dr. Granville F. Knight - physician of Santa Barbara, Calif.

Mr. Fred G. Koch. President, Rock Island Oil and Refining Co.,
Wichita, Kansas.

Mr. Alfred Kohlberg - was a charter member - now deceased.

Dean Clarence Manion - former Dean of Notre Dame Law School

Dr. Revilo P. Oliver - Professor at University of Illinois.

Mr. Frank E. Masland, Jr. - Pres. of C.H. Masland & Sons, Carlisle,
Penn.

Mr. N. Floyd McGowin. - Pres. W.T. Smith Lumber Co., Chapman, Alabama

Mr. W.B. McMillan - Pres. of the Hussman Refrigerator Co., St.
Louis, Missouri.

Mr. Adolphe Menjou - famous actor

Mr. Cole G. Parker - former pres. of Kimberly -Clark Co. now
United States Employer Delegate to the International
Labor Organization

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Hon M.T. Phelps - Former chief justice of the Supreme Court of
Arizona

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Evansville, Indiana.

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Mr. Robert W. Stoddard - Pres. of Wyman-Gordon Co., Worcester,
Mass.

Lt. General Charles B. Stone. III U.S.A.F. (retired)

Mr. Ernest G. Swigert, Pres. of the Hyster Company, Portland,
Oregon

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Mr. [redacted]
Box [redacted]
Linden, Texas

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Dear Mr. [redacted]

Your letter of December 23, 1960, has been received, and the interest which prompted you to write is appreciated.

The jurisdiction and responsibilities of the FBI do not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. However, I can advise you that the John Birch Society has not been investigated by this Bureau, but this should not be construed as a clearance or nonclearance of this organization by the FBI.

Enclosed is some material regarding the general subject of communism which may be of interest.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Enclosures (6)

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CASS COUNTY

Linden, Texas

Dec 23, 1960

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Chief
Bureau of F.B.I.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

There are a number of towns in this area
forming John Birch Societies as an Anti Communist organization -
As a Federal Employ, good U.S. Citizen and Christian I wouldn't
take any part in it until it has been cleared by your office -

Will you please give me a run down on John Birch Inc -
headed by Robert Welch - It was founded Dec. 9, 1958 at a meeting
in Indianapolis - Without a clearance from you, I will not have
anything to do with it although it sounds good -

Very truly Yours,

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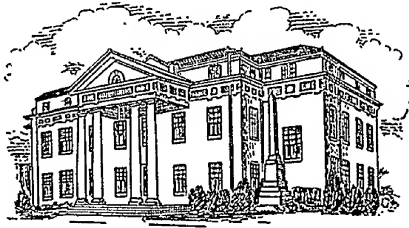
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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Chief
Bureau of F. B. I.
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Mr. Hoover:

There are a number of towns in this
area forming John Birch Societies
as an Anti Communist organization.
As a Federal Employ, good U.S.
Citizen and Christian I wouldn't
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been cleared by your office.

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run down on John Birch Soc.
headed by Robert Welch - it was
founded Dec. 9, 1958 at a meeting in
Indianapolis - Without a clearance from
you, I will have anything to do with
it although it sounds good -

Very truly yours,
[Redacted Signature]

Baf [Redacted]
Linden, Tex.

CORRESPONDENCE

240 S. W. 2ND AVENUE
MIAMI 36, FLORIDA

Dec. 19, 1960

J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Several months ago we became acquainted with The John Birch Society. We were very impressed with the Blue Book of the Society and wish to become active against Communism through its membership. However, Mr. Welch strongly recommends The Dan Smoot Report and we would like to know more about Mr. Smoot and his background as an FBI agent.

As dentists we are strong proponents of fluoridation of water supplies which do not have natural fluorine. Consequently we were more than amazed when someone told us that Communists were for fluoridation while anti-communists were against it. To prove his point the man brought us the September 28, 1959 Dan Smoot Report "Facts on Fluoridation" as well as articles from The American Mercury Magazine.

Mr. Smoot's "facts" are such a distortion of the truth, use of quotes out of context and lack of understanding of the scientific language he attempts to use that the result is yellow journalism of the worst order. His authoritative source is an Ad Hoc Committee of which we have never heard and he never mentions the American Dental Association which has spent over 30 years meticulously assembling research data concerning efficacy and safety of fluoridation. If this is an example of Mr. Smoot's reporting we surely do not want his Reports in our reception rooms.

The articles in American Mercury are too spurious and vituperative to mention. The statements concerning the American Dental Association are complete falsehoods and the language used (i.e. "their ruthless methods of pressure and terrorization") would lead one to believe they were discussing the Gestapo rather than our fine dental society. Can this be anti Communist literature?

Please let us know your evaluation of The John Birch Society, the Dan Smoot Report, American Mercury Magazine, Human Events, and the Christian Anti-Communism Crusade at your earliest convenience.

Very truly yours,

[Redacted Signature]

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Director's speech 10-18-60
17th National Convention CPUSA & 3-60 LEB Intro
Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality
One Nation's Response to Communism
Expose of Soviet Espionage
Communist Target--Youth

NOTE: See Morrell to DeLoach memo 12-27-60 entitled as above.

December 27, 1960

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2401 Southwest 2nd Avenue
Miami 36, Florida

Dear [redacted]

I have received your letter of December 19, 1960, also signed by [redacted] and the interest which prompted you to write is indeed appreciated.

While I would like to be of assistance, the FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and does not furnish evaluations or comment concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. Please do not infer that we do or do not have in our files the information you desire. I can advise that Mr. Smoot was a Special Agent of this Bureau from March 23, 1942, to June 15, 1951, at which time he resigned.

In view of your concern over the menace of communism, I am enclosing several items on this subject which you may like to read.

Sincerely yours,

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: 12-27-60

FROM : D. C. Morrell

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MIAMI 36, FLORIDA

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By letter of 12-19-60 the correspondent asked for evaluations on the John Birch Society, the Dan Smoot Report, American Mercury Magazine, Human Events and the Christian Anti-Communism Crusade.

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Bufiles contain no derogatory information and no previous correspondence with [redacted]. There is no record of [redacted]. While we normally indicate in our replies concerning the John Birch Society that we have not investigated it, it is not felt appropriate in this instance as we have conducted investigations and do have derogatory information concerning some of the other organizations or publications mentioned by the correspondent. As no specific question was asked concerning the fluoridation of water, the reply we normally give in these instances has been omitted.

The John Birch Society is allegedly an anticommunist organization with branches over the various parts of the country. This organization was founded by Robert Welch in Indianapolis, Indiana, in December, 1958. Our field offices have been alerted to watch its activities inasmuch as its head, Welch, indicated at one time that he thought a group having the appearance of a front organization might be effective in attracting true subversives. Welch has, in the past, also attacked President Eisenhower and his administration in his writing.

Bureau material has been made available to Dr. Schwarz, W. P. Strube and others affiliated with Dr. Schwarz' Christian Anti-Communist Crusade. W. C. Sullivan memo to Belmont dated 9-22-60 indicates that when a SA of the Bureau spoke before the Dallas Freedom Forum, Dallas, Texas, on 9-19 and 20, 1960, (which sponsored a school on communism at that time directed by Dr. Schwarz) the SA commented that Schwarz made several pitches for articles in a book which he has written on communism and his publications were prominently displayed. In view of Schwarz' opportunistic activities in promoting his own writings, careful consideration should be shown in the future in furnishing speakers in view of the possibility that he might attempt to capitalize on the Bureau's reputation.

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Morrell to DeLoach

RE:

The "American Mercury" is owned by Russell Maguire who is allegedly anticommunist and has the reputation of being bitterly anti-Semitic. The publication was the subject of a Registration Act investigation in 1958 based upon indications of an exchange of funds between Maguire and the Ambassador of the Dominican Republic. This allegation was not established and the case was closed in October, 1958.

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Bufiles indicate "Human Events" is a newsletter published in D. C. critical of the Soviet Union. Not investigated by Bureau, and is on the Special Correspondents' List.

Dan Smoot EOD 3-23-42 and resigned 6-15-51. Shortly before Smoot's resignation, he was censured, placed on probation and transferred due to several unfounded charges against his SAC. His attitude before and after resignation was extremely antagonistic, and he was not recommended for reinstatement. He is the author of the "Dan Smoot Report," a weekly publication which deals with highly controversial topics. Numerous inquiries have been received regarding Smoot's activities since his separation. By SAC letter dated 3-24-59, it is noted that inquiries as to his former employment in this Bureau should be handled in a most circumspect manner and should be answered by merely giving the dates of his employment and no additional comment should be made.

RECOMMENDATION:

The attached letter be sent explaining our policy in not furnishing evaluations and setting out the dates of employment of former SA Smoot.

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December 30, 1960

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Mrs. [redacted]
Box [redacted]
Naples, Texas

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DATE 9/17/84 BY SP6/SMP/KE

Dear Mrs. [redacted]

Your letter of December 20, 1960,
has been received, and the interest which prompted you
to write is appreciated.

The jurisdiction and responsibilities of the
FBI do not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments
concerning the character or integrity of any individual,
publication or organization. However, I can advise you
that the John Birch Society has not been investigated by
this Bureau, but this should not be construed as a clearance
or nonclearance of this organization by the FBI.

Enclosed is some material dealing with the
general subject of communism which may be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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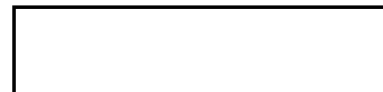
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NOTE: No record Bufiles identifiable with correspondent. The John Birch Society was formed by Robert Welch of Belmont, Massachusetts, and is purported to be an anticommunist organization. Welch has been openly critical of President Eisenhower's administration. We have conducted no investigation regarding the organization.

Morris County Civil Defense
Office of Civil Defense
Naples, Texas

Carlton Robinson
Judge



December 20, 1960

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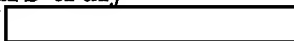
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Washington, 25 D. C.

Gentlemen:

I am interested in joining The John
Birch Society, Belmont 78, Mass. Is the Society
on your approved list?

Yours truly

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MORRIS COUNTY CIVIL DEFENSE

OFFICE OF CIVIL DEFENSE

DAINGERFIELD, TEXAS



CARLTON ROBINSON
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Naples
December 20, 1960

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F. B. I
Washington, 25 D.C.

Gentlemen:

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Yours truly

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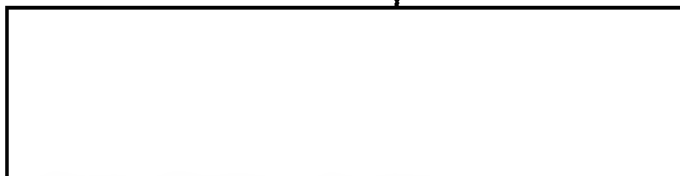
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January 3, 1961



Jackson Heights, New York

Dear Mr. [redacted]

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I have received your letter of December 26
with the enclosed letter addressed to you from Mrs. [redacted]
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In response to the inquiries made in Mrs. [redacted]
letter, the jurisdiction and responsibilities of the FBI do not
extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the
character or integrity of any organization, publication or indi-
vidual. I can advise you, however, that the John Birch Society
has not been investigated by this Bureau, but this should not
be construed as a clearance or nonclearance of this organization
by the FBI.

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In view of your interest, I am enclosing some
material regarding the threat of communism which you may
wish to read. I am also returning Mrs. [redacted] letter.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Enclosures (5)

Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality
One Nation's Response to Communism
March, 1960, LEB Introduction & 17th Nat'l Convention
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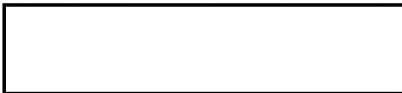
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Mr. []

NOTE: Bufiles contain no record identifiable with Mrs. []
[] Bufiles show [] who was in
1950 a Criminal Investigator for the Alcohol Tax Unit in New York.
An Agent of the New York Office attended a Holy Name Society
function addressed by [] on 10-9-50. During his remarks
[] referred several times to the FBI and specifically stated,
"We call them office cowboys." The SAC in New York made strong
objection to the District Supervisor of the Alcohol Tax Unit who
in turn strongly reprimanded [] in the SAC's presence. There
is no additional derogatory information regarding [] in Bufiles.

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The John Birch Society is allegedly an anticommunist organization with branches over the various parts of the country. Our field offices have been alerted to watch its activities inasmuch as its head, Robert Welch, indicated at one time that he thought a group having the appearance of a front organization might be effective in attracting true subversives. Welch has bitterly attacked the Eisenhower Administration in the past in connection with his writings.



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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
10th street and Penna. Ave
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Dear Mr. Hoover:

The enclosed letter should be somewhat self-explanatory.

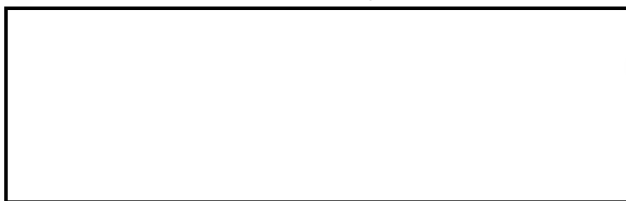
I might add, that the Mrs. [redacted] who sent me the letter is the [redacted]. I have known her since she was a baby and I'm sure she has the willingness and interest of our Country at heart in wanting something done in this situation to guide her and many others from being "roped-in" by these Communists.

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I am sure you will do anything possible to remedy this situation, from what she has quoted as taking place these operators are out into the open with their activities.

After twenty-five years of Government service, I still have a great interest in what goes on in this country of ours.



34-21 [redacted]
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December 18, 1960

Dear [redacted]

You may seemed surprised to hear from me but we are in need of some information and you are the only person I know who could begin to give us the answers. At least part of them anyway.

Since leaving Los Angeles and comming to Scottsdale, Arizona all of our friends both here and in Los Angeles have been urging us to join the John Birch Society. From L. A we get distressing letters on the subject, pro of course, and from here, the pressure is on. Now briefly I will quote from one of the letters--1. that the Russians will be in controle here by 1970. 2. that from within a short space of time all pregnant women and children under 2 will be killed as well as those unable to care for themselves. I could go on and on but that alone is enough to curl your stomach. Now the questions that we have are, --Why isn't the public informed of this so that all can help do what is necessary to prevent this? The people affiliated with the John Birch Society say that they have the approval of J. Edgar Hoover, Barry Goldwater etc. Now if Mr. Hoover is aware of what the Commies are trying to do why is it known. The Society says that the men who lecture at their meetings are F.B.I men and are well informed. We saw one film they showed on the Student rioting in San Francisco. Both [redacted] and I are well aware of the communist threat, but before we join any thing we would like to know more about it and I think you can understand our reason. We felt you might be able and kind enough to help us along that line. If all this is true then what can we do? is this the group to join, if they aren't what then?

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I hope you will pardon the poor construction of this letter and I hope too that you don't think me "off my head". If you can find out these things for me I would appreciate it very much. We don't want to be suckered in to anything. Sorry if this puts you on the spot.

I hope that this finds you and yours well and preparing for the Holidays. A very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

With love
MR & MRS [redacted] [redacted]

Address on envelope:

[redacted]
Scottsdale, Arizona

Letter was postmarked 4 p. m. , 12-22-60, in Scottsdale, Arizona.

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Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

John / 170-6 / Don / 170-6

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Communist Target--Youth

Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality

Expose of Soviet Espionage

17th National Convention, CPUSA & 3-60 LEB Introduction

Director's speech of 10-18-60

One Nation's Response to Communism

NOTE: The John Birch Society is p~~o~~rported to be an anticommunist organization which was founded by Robert Welch of Belmont, Massachusetts. He has been openly critical of President Eisenhower's administration. We have not investigated the organization. No record Bufiles identifiable with correspondent.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

GATEWAY TO THE COAST

IN THE HEART OF THE TIMBER AREA

OREGON

December 27, 1960

J. Edgar Hoover, Director, F.B.I.
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

A representative of the John Birch Society has met with a group in our community, with a desire to establish a Chapter here and we would like to have official confirmation on the authenticity of the aims presented.

We have been told that the purpose of this group is to form an organized resistance to communism in the United States.

Since there are so many communist front organizations, we hesitate to support any group until we know they truly represent the purposes in which we believe.

Another meeting has been called for January 11 and we would appreciate an immediate reply so that we may know what action we should take.

Also, a question that is being asked right now is, why is a Communist National Youth Organization permitted to be formed? This question has been raised as the result of a newspaper article in which you state a conference is being held this month for this purpose.

We thank you for the information requested.

Very truly yours,

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (62-104401)

DATE: 1/5/61

FROM : SAC, WFO (62-0-17606)

SUBJECT: THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
INFORMATION CONCERNING

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ReSAClet Number 60-5 dated 1/26/60.

ReWflet dated 7/29/60, captioned as above setting forth information furnished by [redacted]

[redacted] concerning activities of the John Birch Society in the Northern Virginia area.

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On 1/3/61, [redacted] was interviewed by SA PATRICK M. RICE on another matter and volunteered the following information

Captain MICHAEL J. MAHANEY of the MPD made available a press release dated 1/2/61 published by the National Committee to Abolish the Un-American Activities Committee (NCAUAC) stating they would stage a demonstration near the White House on 1/2/61, and people would come from various cities to assist in the demonstration. Detailed information on this was submitted to the Bureau in a letterhead memo dated 1/2/61 (Bufile 100-433447).

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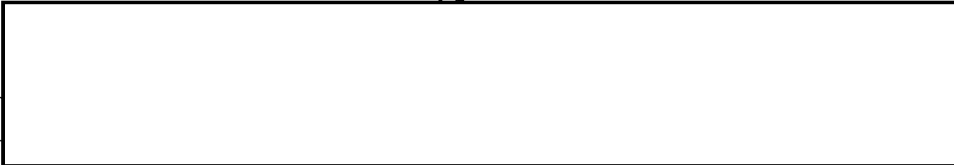
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Above is for information of the Bureau regarding
activities of The John Birch Society.

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January 5, 1961



Utica, New York

Dear Mrs. [Redacted]

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9/17/54 Spotsylvania

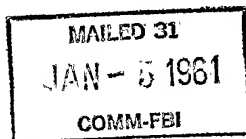
Your letter dated December 29, 1960, has been received.

Although I would like to be of service, the FBI is strictly a fact-gathering agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not make evaluations or draw conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. I can inform you that this Bureau has not investigated the group you named; however, you should not construe this to be either a clearance or nonclearance of the organization in question.

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In view of your interest in combating communism, I am enclosing publications for general distribution by the FBI on this subject.

Sincerely yours,



J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Press release 12-22-60
Communist Menace: Red Goals & Christian Ideals
3-60 LEB Introduction & 17th Convention
What You can do to fight Communism
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NOTE: (See next page)

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Mrs. [REDACTED]

Utica, New York

Dec 29. 60

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington. D. C.

Dear Sir.

Having been approached to be an active member of
the John Birch Society which was founded at a meeting in Indianapolis
Dec 9. 1958 I would like to know more about it before joining.

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If it is an anti Communist organization, as it is
claimed to be, I will gladly join, for surely someone has to do
something to help combat this menace.

Please favor me with a reply.

I remain
Yours truly

/s/ Mrs. [REDACTED]

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John Birch Society

Mrs. [redacted]

Utica, New York

Dec 29. 60

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

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Dear Sir,

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Yours truly

JAN 1961
CORRESPONDENCE

[redacted]

January 6, 1961

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Odessa, Texas

Dear Mr.

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DATE 9/7/84 BY SP1832/MSR

Your letter of December 28, 1960, has been received, and the interest which prompted you to write is appreciated.

The jurisdiction and responsibilities of the FBI do not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. However, I can advise you that the John Birch Society has not been investigated by this Bureau, but this should not be construed as a clearance or nonclearance of this organization by the FBI.

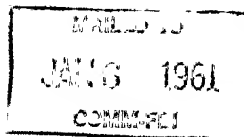
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Enclosed is some material regarding the general subject of communism which may be of interest.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director



Enclosures (6)
Director's 10-18-60 speech
Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality
3-1-60 LEB Introduction & 17th National Convention
One Nation's Response to Communism
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NOTE: No record Bufiles identifiable with correspondent.
The John Birch Society is purported to be an anticommunist group and was founded by Robert Welch of Belmont, Massachusetts. He has been openly critical of President Eisenhower's administration. We have not investigated the group.

Dec. 28, 1960
Odessa, Texas

J. Edgar Hoover
Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Washington D C,

Sir:

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This letter is in request of information concerning an organization that seems to be very active in this area as an anti-communist fighter. The organization is known as The John Birch Society, with Hq. in Belmont Mass. The president of the organization is Robert Welch.

If your office can supply any information on this organization or its president,

It would be greatly appreciated by myself & several of my friends as we are looking for a safe & effective way to join

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Dec. 28, 1960
Odessa, Texas

J. Edgar Hoover
Director; Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Washington D. C.

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A reply from your office on this matter will be a great honor & service to me.

Sincerely,

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[Redacted Signature]

Odessa, Texas

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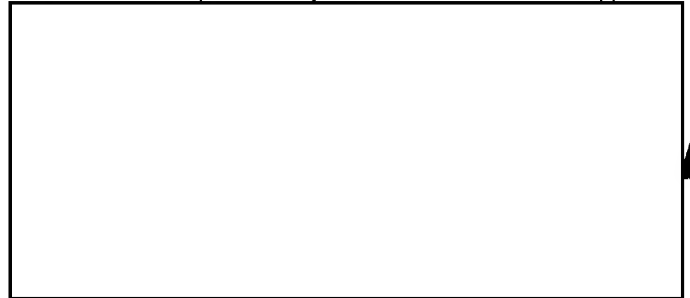
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Odessa, Texas

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 1/4/61

FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-59001)

SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION

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For your information, Mr. [redacted]
[redacted] Encino, California, contacted the Los Angeles Division on January 4, 1961, requesting information whether the JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY was a subversive organization and advising that he desired to know whether the FBI had cleared this organization. When informed that the FBI was unable to furnish any information concerning the organization, because of the confidential nature of the Bureau's records, he became a little upset and stated that he thought it was a terrible position to take and said that he intended writing to the Attorney General about the matter.

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Charlotte, North Carolina

Dear Mr. [Redacted]

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Your letter postmarked December 30, 1960, has been received, and the interest which prompted you to write is appreciated.

The jurisdiction and responsibilities of the FBI do not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. I can advise you, however, that the John Birch Society has not been investigated by this Bureau, but this should not be construed as a clearance or nonclearance by the FBI.

In view of your concern regarding the menace of communism, enclosed is some material which you may find of interest.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Enclosures (6)

17th National Convention & Introduction 3-60 LEB
Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality
One Nation's Response to Communism
Director's 10-18-60 Speech
Expose of Soviet Espionage
Communist Target--Youth

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[Redacted]
Charlotte, N. C.
December 23, 1960

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
The Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

As a loyal citizen of the United States I am most concerned about the menace of the communist movement in the U. S.A.

I have been approached by a friend to join the anti-communist society known as "The John Birch Society".

What I would like to know is if this is a legitimate organization dedicated to doing what it says it is doing. In other words, the devil can quote scripture to his purpose; have these people been forthright.

I am a Captain in the United States Marine Corps Reserve and do not wish to join an organization only to find out all is not what it appears to be.

Thank you very much.

Yours truly,

[Redacted Signature]

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Mr. [REDACTED]
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Santa Barbara, California

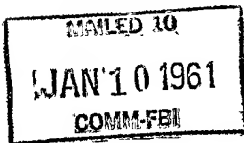
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DATE 9/12/84 BY [REDACTED]

Dear Mr. [REDACTED]

Your letter of December 31, 1960, has been received, and I certainly understand your concern regarding the menace of communism. I am enclosing some material, some of which gives suggestions for combating this atheistic force which threatens us. I do not know the source of the letter to which you referred.

While I would like to be of assistance with regard to your inquiry, the jurisdiction and responsibilities of the FBI do not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. I can advise you, however, that the John Birch Society has not been investigated by this Bureau, but this should not be construed as a clearance or nonclearance by the FBI.



Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Enclosures (8)
17th National Convention & Introduction 3-60 LEB
Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality
One Nation's Response to Communism
What You Can Do To Fight Communism
Where do we stand today with communism in the United States?
How to beat Communism
Expose of Soviet Espionage
Communist Target--Youth

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SANTA BARBARA, CALIFORNIA
PHONE WOODLAND 2-8174

REALTOR

December 31, 1960

Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen,

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DATE 9/17/89 BY SP8BJS/mk

I am becoming increasingly alarmed about the growth and activities of the Communist party but I seem to be surrounded by a group of "Liberals" and self-styled intellectuals who profess to see no menace from the Commies, and who ridicule and denounce the House Un-American Activities Committee and other counter-subversive organizations.

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I want very much to combat this dangerous type of thinking and I'd like to have a little official ammunition at my disposal. Do you have any pamphlets telling of the Communist threat? Also, it seems to me that someone once published a letter telling how one may identify a Communist, as distinguished from a mere fuzzy-minded egghead, by their reactions to key issues, defenses etc. If you have such a letter, may I have a copy of that too.

One last item. I am strongly considering becoming a member of an organization I have heard about called the John Birch Society, which I understand is trying to fight the Commies on their own organizational level—that is with local cells or chapters activated on signal to bombard State and Federal legislative bodies with telegrams supporting or opposing proposed new legislature. This sounds like a very good idea to me, yet having heard of other seemingly worthwhile groups that became infiltrated by the Commies, I hesitate joining anything without checking with your office first. Do you have any negative information about this movement? Would you recommend that it be supported?

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Sincerely yours,

CORRESPONDENCE

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*Memorandum*TO : Mr. A. H. Belmont *aut*DATE: 1-9-61 *ph 1-*FROM : Mr. J. E. McHale *ph 1-*SUBJECT: MANITOWOC, WISCONSINMISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION CONCERNING

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Above-captioned individual called at approximately 9:40 p.m. on 1-9-61, advising that he is active in the Republican Party affairs in Manitowoc, Wisconsin, and wanted to know if two organizations in that area are subversive. The two organizations are the John Birch Society of Belmont, Massachusetts, and the Life Line Organization of Washington, D. C. Mr. was informed that the FBI is a fact-gathering organization and is unable to furnish evaluations regarding any organization.

He thanked me and said that he would see if he could obtain the information from another source.

Bureau files contain no derogatory information identifiable with

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For your information.

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Columbus 9, Ohio

Dear Miss [Redacted]

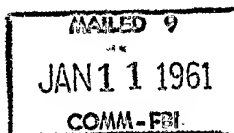
Your letter dated January 4, 1961, which was also signed by Mrs. [Redacted], has been received, and in view of your interest, I am enclosing publications available for general distribution by the FBI on the subject of communism.

Although I would like to be of service, the FBI is strictly a fact-gathering agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not make evaluations or draw conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. The FBI has not investigated the group you mentioned; however, this should not be construed as being either a clearance or nonclearance of the organization in question.

To secure a list of groups which have been cited by the Attorney General as coming within the scope of Executive Order 10450, your request should be submitted to the Subversive Organizations Section, Internal Security Division, United States Department of Justice, Washington 25, D. C. The Un-American Activities Committee of the United States House of Representatives has also prepared and released a booklet entitled "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," in which are listed groups and periodicals which have been cited by various state and Federal agencies. The Government Printing Office advises that it is now out of print, but you may be able to secure a copy of it through your local public libraries.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover
Director



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Letter to Miss [REDACTED]

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Enclosures (7)

What You Can Do To Fight Communism

Introduction - March 1960 - LEB & 17th National Convention C/P, USA

Series from Christianity Today (10-10-60, 10-24-60. 11-7-60)

Press Release 12-22-60

Director's Speech 10-18-60

Expose of Soviet Espionage

Communist Target--Youth

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NOTE: Correspondents are not identifiable in Bufiles. The Columbus, Ohio, telephone directory reflects that [REDACTED] resides at [REDACTED] Avenue. No entry for [REDACTED] Apparently Miss [REDACTED] resides at [REDACTED]

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Columbus 9, Ohio
January 4, 1961

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Re: John Birch Society

Dear Sir:

We consider ourselves patriotic American citizens who are willing to support a legitimate anti-Communist group. We have been urged to join the John Birch Society, but before we do, we would like to know more about it. The following are some questions about the Society:

1. Does the John Birch Society have any "hidden" political or religious links?
2. Where do they get the information they provide, and how reliable is it?
3. How is it possible to check on the authenticity of the information they provide?
4. We have read that some organizations which profess to be anti-Communist are actually promoting Communism in some way. Might this be true of the John Birch Society?
5. The June, 1960, Bulletin of the John Birch Society urges the discontinuance of all "foreign aid," except for strictly military assistance to our unquestionably anti-Communist allies. #2 of their reasons states: "It was 'sold' to the American people, as a means of fighting Communism, by the Communists themselves, with the support of their sympathizers, dupes, and a lot of misguided idealists who swallowed the Communist line." Is this true?

We have heard that some supposedly anti-Communist books actually get across some Communist propaganda. Where does one find a reliable listing of Communist and anti-Communist books?

We would very much appreciate all the information you could give us concerning the John Birch Society.

Respectfully yours,

[Redacted Signature]

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January 11, 1961

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First Methodist Church
Stratford, Texas

Dear Mr. [redacted]

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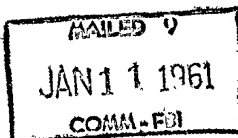
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The letter postmarked January 4, 1961, and
enclosure from you and Mrs. [redacted] have been received.

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and, as such, does not make evaluations or draw conclusions as
to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or
individual. I regret that I am unable to be of aid and hope you will
not infer in this connection either that we do or that we do not have
data in our files concerning the subjects of your inquiry.

I am glad to know of your desire to help combat the
growing menace of communism and enclosed are publications avail-
able for general distribution by this Bureau which you may find of
interest.

Sincerely yours,



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John Edgar Hoover
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Although we have not conducted an investigation of the National Council of Churches, as such, we have kept abreast of the efforts of the CPUSA to infiltrate this group through our over-all investigations of the CPUSA and communist efforts to infiltrate mass-type organizations. (100-50869). Bureau material has been made available to Dr. Fred C. Schwarz, W. P. Strube and others affiliated with Dr. Schwarz' Christian Anti-Communism Crusade. W. C. Sullivan memo to Belmont dated 9-22-60 indicates that when a SA of the Bureau spoke before the Dallas Freedom Forum, Dallas, Texas, on 9-19 and 20, 60, (which sponsored a school on communism at that time directed by Dr. Schwarz) the SA commented that Schwarz made several "pitches" for articles in a book which he has written on communism and his publications were prominently displayed. In view of Schwarz's opportunistic activities in promoting his own writings, careful consideration should be shown in the future in furnishing speakers in view of the possibility that he might attempt to capitalize on the Bureau's reputation.

In view of all inquiries made by correspondent, above reply is believed best to serve the Bureau's interests.

Stratford, Texas
December 29, 1960

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
U. S. Department of Justice
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Dear Sir:

Please advise if the editor Robert Welch, or any of his advisory committee in the book "American Opinion" under the title "A World Gone Crazy", Volume III, Number 7, July, August and September 1960, are connected with a Communist group. This group poses as Anti-Communist group working to arouse American opinion against the danger of Communism in this country.

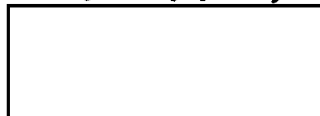
Please advise if Rev. Blake past President, National Council of Churches is a Communist or has any connection with Communist organization that would be detrimental to our churches.

Also advise if Dr. Fred C. Schwarz, Editor, Christian Anti-Communist Crusade, Texas Branch Office, P.O. Box 6422, Houston 6, Texas is a Communist or connected with organization that would be detrimental to our churches or society.

We are concerned about joining this movement against Communism, but before we commit ourselves or take any active part we want to be sure there is no Communist or Communist influence in this organization promoting this movement.

I am enclosing the cover to this book for your reference. Thank you, I will appreciate a reply at your earliest convenience.

Very truly yours,



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Dear Reader:

We offer no apology for the lateness of this magazine, nor for the combining of numbers which the project made necessary. Instead we shall rely in good conscience on the final product to justify both. For this undertaking has required research, correspondence, analysis, and plain hard work far beyond the normal quota for turning out any ordinary monthly magazine. And we earnestly believe that this issue of *American Opinion* will prove to be the most important publication in the whole field of anti-Communist literature since *Seeds Of Treason*.

Your editor can make that last statement with much better grace because he neither wrote any of these articles nor did any appreciable amount of "editing" of their contents. This survey of the present level of Communist influence in every country in the world was compiled by real experts. Before you are half through reading it you will see why we gave these hundred pages of history the title: *A World Gone Crazy*. If this doesn't awaken and alarm your complacent neighbors, nothing ever will. Not at least before they, and we, are being strung up from lamp posts by the Communist police.

We hope you can wake 'em up.

Sincerely,

Robert Welch

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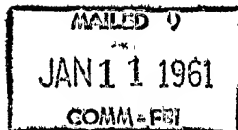
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Sincerely yours,

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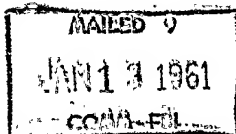
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Sincerely yours,

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John Edgar Hoover
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Dear Mr. Hoover:

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You are doing a tremendous job and we all send our very best wishes for your continued good health and fighting spirit during the Kennedy reign. --

Sincerely

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Bremerton, Washington

Dear Mr. [Redacted]

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Your letter of January 5, 1961, has been received during Mr. Hoover's absence from the office.

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In response to your request, the reprint, "Communist Target--Youth," is currently being reprinted, and 200 copies will be forwarded to you when they are available.

Sincerely yours,

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Secretary

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Bremerton, Washington
January 5, 1961

J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
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Washington, D. C.

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Dear Mr. Hoover:

The John Birch Society in Bremerton has recently purchased the movie "Operation Abolition", and I have been designated to show it before local youth, parent and church groups. Some difficulty has been experienced in attempting to verify the authenticity of the film and the statements made in it. In your report "Communist Target - Youth" released in July, 1960 was very valuable information that could be used to fight these liberal-socialists. Is there any possibility of obtaining about 200 copies of your report to pass out to local leaders and presidents of organizations. I would also appreciate it very much if I could be placed on your mailing list for all future reports and publications concerning Communism and its activities. I need help from someplace, but it is real difficult to find authentic documentation that people will believe and respect.

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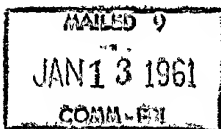
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Enclosed is some material regarding the general subject of communism which may be of interest.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director



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Robert Welch, indicated at one time that he thought a group having the appearance of a front organization might be effective in attracting true subversives. Welch has, in the past, also attacked President Eisenhower and his Administration in his writings.

Jan. 5, 1961

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover, *B-1*

John Birch Society, Inc.

Having recently become alarmed at the growth of Communism not only in other countries but in our own country as well, I discovered and have joined the John Birch Society.

If this society truthfully and faithfully supports the ideals and aims to which it claims, I would like to devote my time, energy and finances toward its growth and activities and urge my relatives, friends and acquaintances to do likewise. But since they occasionally point a finger accusingly at people and organizations usually thought of as defenders of freedom and democracy, I have reached a point where I must know whether the John Birch Society is what it claims to be.

Since the membership is doubling in size once every four months it seems to me that people should know from a reliable source whether or not it is worthy of the support of all good American citizens. I am hoping you can answer this question for me.

I am enclosing their Bulletin for December in which many of their views are set forth. I hope it is not asking too much of you to have someone on your staff advise me in this matter.

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Foreword

"Greater than the tread of mighty armies
is an idea whose hour has come. "

Author Unknown

There is considerable history connected with the above quotation, and many writers have expressed some part or some version of the same thought. We are concerned, however, not with the authorship of this exact form of the brilliant generalization, but with the way its applicability to The John Birch Society becomes more visible every month. And we derive both understanding and encouragement from watching the principle inexorably at work in our favor.

On December 9 The John Birch Society will be two years old. We are still quite small, and very young. But already, more because of our obvious potential for the future than anything we have done so far, we have made a recognized impact on the American scene. And during the past few months it has become clear that our growth is not to be stopped, nor its rate retarded, by vicious attacks from the Left, extensive smears from the Right, or the complacent ignorance of the Center. For the foundation of our effort is truly an idea whose hour has come.

We want (less government) and still less government everywhere, down to the irreducible minimum necessary

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for a civilized society. For expanding government is inevitably an enemy of freedom and an obstacle to progress. We want (more individual responsibility) allowed and accepted, for man was not created to be just a numbered robot in a collectivised state. We want a return to, and increasing respect for, those moral and humanitarian principles, clearly defined by all of our several religious faiths, that offer the one and only base on which to make this a better world.

In an age that was not polluted everywhere by the poison of Communism, our efforts and objectives would be -- and will be -- almost entirely positive. But the satanic conspiracy, which now threatens to enslave all mankind, works unceasingly -- as a means of establishing and maintaining its cruel tyranny -- to increase the quantity and power of government, to reduce and then abolish individual responsibility (except to government), and entirely to obliterate both morality and even religion itself. It is from a practical necessity, therefore, that we must oppose and help to overthrow those evil forces that will otherwise destroy, and are now destroying, even such civilization as man has laboriously acquired.

We cannot do our part towards building a better world without eliminating the foul virus that is making a diseased monstrosity of the world we already have. To do that we must recognize the nature of the virus; we must identify and oppose and excise it wherever possible; and we must overcome the evil forces that utilize and spread it.

For the virus of Communism is conspiratorially implanted and nourished wherever it appears. There are many good Americans who do not realize this fact, or who simply refuse to face it; who insist on regarding communism as a "natural" disease to which we have fortuitously fallen prey; who consider our battle to be

an ideological one, and our enemy a philosophy of life. At this stage of the struggle they are all but wasting their time; and they even may, despite the best of intentions, be helping the enemy by giving him the very consideration, and building up the very prestige, which he needs. It is not a mistake which The John Birch Society can afford to make. Our aims are too farreaching and too important; and our very devotion to them will not permit such comfortable and easy blindness. We are, and must be, realists on our side, as much as the Communists are on theirs. Trying to cure communism, without destroying the (Communist disease-spreaders,) while it has now become one of the great intellectual pastimes of our age, is an expensive exercise in dismal futility.

Being realists, in The John Birch Society we are determined, not just to oppose communism, but to fight the Communists. This is the one thing they cannot allow (as the career of Joseph McCarthy clearly showed). This is why they already hate us so viciously, and why they and their sympathizers and allies and dupes will use every conceivable means to discredit and destroy us. But they will not succeed because ours is an idea -- of organization, of purpose, and of consecration -- whose hour has come.

With Statistics

But the fact that the time was ripe for The John Birch Society and its ideals guarantees us only opportunity, not success. And the fact that, among all of the opponents of communism, we have chosen the one hard road that cuts right through to the sources of the poison, means that ours is no bandwagon for the weak or the comfortable. We have no place or time for the halfhearted -- in work or in sacrifice. Our body must grow, in size

and strength and effectiveness, until it is a match for the Communists. And that is a Herculean task, on which we have just begun.

At this two-year birthday we should like very much to give out specific facts and figures about our size and growth. We know our members would love it. And we doubt if, at this stage, it could do us any harm. But we are convinced that the sound experience which keeps so many other groups from ever revealing their numerical strength has even more force with regard to ourselves, and that we should set no embarrassing precedents for the future.

We'll discuss our rate of growth quite frankly at this point, nevertheless. And there is tremendous encouragement and inspiration for us all in the vigor of our expansion to date. For it is continuing growth, not current size, that is important, and to which so much of our zeal must be dedicated during the months and even years immediately ahead.

So far we have been doubling in size approximately once every four months. There have been one or two periods, such as the early part of 1960, when our numbers increased one hundred percent in three months. But the next similar doubling required five months. And we ourselves are surprised to discover how regular the four-months average has been, for multiplying our size by two, during the whole two years -- despite various factors that certainly seemed to be brakes on our progress at the time they appeared. Those factors have ranged from our own extreme preoccupation with the (Committee Against Summit Entanglements,) through smear campaigns against us of assorted sizes and intensities, to the preoccupation of our members and "prospects" with the recent election. And yet, as we look back on them now, their effect seems to have been swallowed up in the gen-

eral trend.

The fact that our rate of expansion must be represented, not by a parabola, but by an exponential equation, is significant.* For it shows that, with the forces which brought us into existence once set in motion and continuously at work, our growth itself is the primary factor in determining the rate of further growth; and that we are constantly benefitting from and building on what we have already achieved, as a base for further expansion. Which may be a longwinded way of saying that our new members themselves rapidly become by far our best salesmen for more new members, but which nevertheless supplies positive corroboration of that important fact.

Getting down to earth again, our growth experience to date not only means that we are doubling our size three times within each year -- or each twelve-months period, wherever taken. But it emphasizes the fact that, if we could maintain any such fabulous rate, we would have eight times as many members at our third birthday as we have now, and more than eight times that many by the end of 1962.

Frankly, I don't think it can be done. The two limiting factors, as is obvious and as we have explained before, are getting the money for such rapid expansion, and building organization solidly enough to be sure of what we are doing. And no matter how much you members sacrifice to help us, and no matter how hard we all work here to make the best possible use of your support, I don't think the tangible results can come quite that fast. Also, I think that the steepness of the exponential curve

*For the few who may be interested, the equation is $y = A 8^x$, where y is the total of our membership, A is a constant, and x is the age of the Society, expressed in years or fractions thereof. And the formula which we hope to maintain, as explained further along, would be $y = A 4^x$, where A remains the same.

is bound to slow down somewhat as we get much larger.

But I do think that for the next year, and perhaps two, it is possible and practicable for us to double our size every six months, or twice a year. And even a projection of figures on that basis should supply energizing encouragement to us all.

The task is to convert that projection into reality. But all of our warnings and exhortations, from both the Blue Book and earlier bulletins, not only remain in force; they need repeating here. We want alarmed, informed, patriotic citizens who are determined to do their part to stop the Communists and to (destroy the Communist conspiracy.) But this alone is not enough. Even fervent anti-Communism should at no time be considered adequate qualification for membership in The John Birch Society. We wish to have associated with us in this mighty undertaking only men and women of good character, humane conscience, and religious ideals.

The John Birch Society through its membership, by both precept and example, must help to restore morality and integrity and worthy purpose to the world in which we live. The Society must not only cause Catholics, Protestants, Jews, or Moslems who join it to wish to become better exemplars of their religious faiths, but their very membership in the Society must itself be a constantly ennobling experience. We wish every member to share with us the happiness and the inspiration of working for an epic cause; of being part of a great historic movement for noble aims of tremendous and lasting importance. The members we recruit should not only have courage, and understanding, and a deep sense of personal responsibility to God and their fellow men for all that they do or leave undone; they should be firmly determined, so far as they are able, to restore a God-given "upward reach" to the heart and mind, to the ac-

tions and the thoughts, of contemporary man. It is because we demand so much and aim so high that we have "an idea whose hour has come."

Agenda For The Month

(1) Recruit new members. (But read all of the above first.)

(2) Read at least one book from our approved list.

(3) Obtain subscriptions to your magazine, AMERICAN OPINION, and orders for individual copies of the magazine or reprints of its articles.

For yourself, if you are not already a subscriber, and do not feel that you can afford the five dollars per year on top of your dues, please ask your Chapter Leader to send in your name and address for one of the gift subscriptions. We have such subscriptions, paid for by friends of ours for just this purpose, available to any member of The John Birch Society on request.

We keep on informing our newer members and reminding our older ones of this offer for the most important reason. It is that so often the explanation for many of our requests in these bulletins becomes so much more clear and convincing if you have read the articles, which serve as background for those requests, in AMERICAN OPINION.

Quite a number of our members, for instance, wrote our Research Department asking for the supporting reasons for the critical protests of Herter's actions, which we repeatedly urged. But if they had read Pages 14-26 in the June issue of the magazine, which were devoted entirely to a survey and analysis of Christian Herter's

actual record, we do not think that five percent of those who wrote us would have felt any need to do so. Or if those of our members who think that we fail to appreciate Henry Cabot Lodge had read Pages 17-23 of the February AMERICAN OPINION, they would have found adequate evidence that we "appreciate" him only too well. As to Dag Hammarskjöld, the whole of our May issue, given over to Julius Epstein's review of the Bang-Jensen case from the official documents, reveals that slippery and despicable character in his true colors.

We cannot always give you, in these bulletins, adequate documentation and explanation for the actions we request. Sometimes, as in connection with the flying of the Panamanian Flag at the Canal -- where we did know exactly what we were talking about and were doing, despite some implications reaching some of our members to the contrary -- we could not do so without asking you to read at least one whole book (Harding's The Untold Story Of Panama; Devin-Adair, \$6.00), and a great deal of other material. But frequently we have already laid the groundwork for such requests, and for a proper understanding of them, in the pages of your magazine.

So read it. A distinguished conservative member of the British Parliament recently wrote that in twenty-five years of studying Communist penetration he had never seen anything as good as our 1960 Scoreboard Issue. A leading French conservative weekly, Nation Francaise, has just used over half a page (newspaper size) to quote from and report glowingly on the same number. Our most regular contributor since the magazine started, William Schlam, has been the most widely read author and most widely heard lecturer in West Germany for the past eighteen months. And American Opinion is now rapidly winning recognition, both at home and abroad, as a leading authority on international affairs and on all aspects of the Cold War. Read it yourself and do your

part to increase its readership by others.

(4) During December most of your Congressmen and Senators will be home. They are entitled to some peace and relaxation and freedom from official worries during the holiday season, the same as anybody else. So avoid either harassing them, or even appearing to do so. But most of them will still be glad to hear from and talk with their constituents on all suitable occasions, nevertheless. So take advantage of the opportunity by calling them on the telephone, or visiting them personally, or forming small groups or delegations to do so, in order to make your views respectfully but emphatically known. Our legislators, more than any other members of our national government, are still guided to a considerable extent by grassroots sentiment -- if that sentiment is strong enough and obvious enough. Among the matters on which you should make your sentiment both strong and clear are the following.

A. We want no repeal of the Connally Amendment, either direct or by subterfuge. If any further evidence had ever been needed of the folly of putting ourselves completely at the mercy of the World Court, such evidence was conclusively supplied on November 16, when Philip Jessup was elected a member of that Court.

B. We want a strengthening, rather than abolition or any weakening, of the House Committee on Un-American Activities. The movie of the San Francisco riots is alone sufficient to show how important a victory it would be for the Communists to destroy this Committee, and how important is our need to maintain it. If your Congressman or Senator has never seen that film, try to arrange for him to do so. (Prints are available promptly, at \$100.00 each, from Washington Video Productions, 1637 Wisconsin Avenue, N.W., Washington 7, D.C.) Also, some of our Coordinators have such prints, as we have bought as many as we could afford for that purpose.

C. We want every Congressman and Senator fully to realize that Fidel Castro, who has been a devoted agent of the Kremlin ever since his school days, is a vicious, dangerous, and declared enemy of the United States; to act accordingly in connection with all pertinent matters that come before Congress; and to use their influence and power to see that our State Department and other administrative agencies stop helping Castro while pretending to oppose him. (An excellent new book on Castro is Nathaniel Weyl's Red Star Over Cuba; Devin-Adair, \$4.50.) We especially want no more of the steady undermining of anti-Communist morale throughout all of Latin America, by our government, which has taken place under Christian Herter's regime in the State Department.

In this connection, and in support of our outspoken criticism of Herter and our analyses of what has really been happening, we reprint below, with permission of the author, a letter to our present Secretary of State from a distinguished Lieutenant General (Retired), who is one of Florida's most influential citizens.

October 5, 1960

Mr. Christian Herter
Secretary of State
State Department Office Bldg.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Secretary:

On September 6, 1960 I addressed a letter to you concerning the Cuban situation and its relationship to the security of the United States of America. This letter was delivered through the office of Senator George Smathers of Florida and he requested that the letter be brought to your personal attention. At this writing you have not even taken the

trouble to acknowledge receipt of the letter.

In my letter to you, I charged that the State Department was guilty of treason in handing the Cuban government over to the International Communist Conspiracy, thereby endangering the security of the United States of America.

What kind of people are you who now run our State Department? You sit quietly and let an American citizen charge your department with treason and are not the least bit disturbed about it. To me this means that you either admit that traitors are in your department or that the word TREASON has ceased to mean anything to you. Either conclusion is fatal to our country.

The loss of Cuba to Russia is a catastrophe and can mean our defeat in this great struggle.

The responsibility for this condition now rests entirely upon your shoulders, Mr. Herter, and the people of this country will not forget or forgive what you have done to them and how you have allowed our country to reach this dangerous position.

Yours truly,

(Signature)

Sumter L. Lowry

D. We want no further steps towards surrender of our absolute rights in perpetuity over the Panama Canal, "to the entire exclusion of the exercise by the Republic of Panama of any such sovereign rights, power or authority," as established by Article III of the Hay-Bunau-Varilla Treaty -- which still governs the situation and

by which treaty the Republic of Panama was given birth. And we want no further motions toward "internationalization" of the Canal, under any guise.

E. We do not want any welfare state at home. Mr. Kennedy has received no mandate for establishing any more of a welfare state than we already have. If he has even been elected at all -- which as yet is by no means certain -- it is clear that at least one-half of the people of the United States did not want him as President and are opposed to the kind of administration foreshadowed by his past record and his campaign. This is a very important point to emphasize to every member of both Houses of Congress. We want no "bi-partisan honeymoon" at the beginning of this regime, during which the extreme "liberals" would have everything their own way and do further irreparable damage -- as Franklin Roosevelt did -- to our whole americanist system of government.

F. We do not want our Senators abdicating their rights and duties with regard to confirming Presidential appointments. The appointments to be handed down by the incoming administration are likely to be worse, if possible, than those during the later years under Eisenhower. And it is time for all conscientious Senators, of both parties, to stop letting themselves be browbeaten into accepting any appointment practically by default.

G. There are still a lot of very good Congressmen and Senators who will go to Washington in January. They may not agree with us on everything -- which is hardly surprising or desirable, since we never agree with one another on everything. Far from it indeed. But these men, scores of them in both parties, are good Americanists, with regard to both domestic issues and foreign affairs. They deserve praise, support, and encouragement. And while they are at home during the Christmas season is a good time to give them all three.

(5) Continue to buy, and use on your envelopes, our

stickers concerning a republic against a democracy, of which a sample will be found on the envelope of this bulletin. Our price originally quoted was \$1.00 for 25 sheets of 33 stickers each; that is, for 825 stickers. In the actual printing we found it far better to use larger sheets, each containing 80 stickers. Our price has been revised, therefore, to \$1.00 for 12 sheets of 80 stickers each, or 960 stickers for the dollar. Up to now the stickers are actually costing us more than that, but we wanted to keep the price as low as we could, and we believe our cost will be all right as we get into considerably larger quantities.

Also, we hope that the use of these slogans will become very widespread indeed. In answer to a number of inquiries we had hoped to have a four-page insert to go with this bulletin giving a brief review of some of the vital differences between a republic and a democracy. We find now that to do so would put this bulletin over the line, for an additional four cents postage, which would be an unwise extravagance. So the short article will appear in the January AMERICAN OPINION, and reprints will then also be available. In the meantime most of our members are already aware that those differences are so important as amply to justify the very extensive campaign, which we hope will be spearheaded by the use of these stickers, to make millions of Americans more conscious that ours is -- or was -- a republic!

(6) A four-cent stamp has recently been issued in honor of Senator Robert A. Taft, bearing his picture and name. One of our good members has suggested, and we agree, that it offers us an excellent opportunity to impress on Washington just how much respect for Taft and his principles is still vigorously alive in this country. Use this stamp on your mail, ask for it at your local postoffice, request that they stock it and keep on insisting if necessary, and do everything you can to make it one of the

most widely used issues in many years. The world in which we are living today is one in which power is built up out of prestige, pressures, and persistence. And it is well worth the cumulative effort to all of us, to show the "liberals" how powerful still remain the memory and ideals of Robert A. Taft.

2 (7) In our last bulletin we asked our members to oppose, in every practicable way they could, the use of UNICEF greeting cards. We referred you, for supporting arguments, to Hubert Kregeloh's article, Don't Send Me A UNICEF Greeting Card!, in the November AMERICAN OPINION. We repeat that request and reference here because December is the month when most of these cards are used.

While we believe the National Guardian denies, or would deny, being an official Communist Party paper, it will certainly do for the comrades until something more official comes along. (It's editor is Cedric Belfrage!) And this weekly runs a Guardian Buying Service for the faithful. The four-page Holiday Shopping Guide of this "Service," in the October 31 issue, offered many interesting items. There are "precision" wrist watches, imported directly from the USSR. There is a "popular handwoven cap" from Yugoslavia. There are two books glorifying the Communist side of the Spanish Civil War. There are "peasant dolls" and "little city dolls" straight from Poland. And there is a "complete line" of portable typewriters from East Germany. About one-third of the whole first page of this shopper's guide, however, is given over to "The Famous UNICEF Greeting Cards," their pictures, and their prices. We just thought you might like to know the most logical place to buy UNICEF greeting cards, in case you find them irresistible and disregard our advice!

(8) In our October bulletin we suggested that our mem-

bers join, and become active in, their local Parent Teachers Associations. And we further urged that they consciously strive to move up the ladder and exert influence in the state and national PTA organizations. We have received considerable criticism on that item, from informed sources, on the ground that the second part of our suggestion simply could not be carried out by any conservative parent. It seems that the "liberals" and leftists running the PTA from the top have set up such a brilliant system of self-perpetuation, partly by requiring officers to be chosen from committee chairmen, who have first been appointed by the officers, that there is no practicable way of shaking this leftwing grip over the whole machine. And any Americanist who tried to break into this tight and purposeful hierarchy would simply be butting his or her head against a stone wall. Our critics say, therefore, that our suggestion was unrealistic.

We readily admit we did not know that the situation in the upper reaches of the PTA was quite so bad, or that the baleful influence of the leftwingers in the National Education Association had been quite so thoroughly established over the PTA as well. (And we'll bet that ninety percent of the good American mothers and fathers in the local PTA's don't know it either.) And it may be, as several of our critics tell us, that the only realistic course for Americanist parents to take is to join, or help to start, local School-and-Home Clubs or other parallel organizations to do what the PTA was originally founded, and is still supposed, to do. We shall return to this question in a later bulletin, after considerable more study of the whole situation.

In the meantime, the problem of deteriorating education for our children is getting worse, because so much of the deterioration is "planned that way." Not, except in rare instances, by the teachers, or even local school

administrators (whose worst crime is simply to "go along" with the pressures and policies prepared from above), but by the influences in the NEA, our Teachers¹ Colleges, and elsewhere; influences that are determined to see the whole American public leveled into uniform mass mediocrity -- and to use public education as one powerful means of accomplishing that objective. It is a problem which members of our Society simply cannot ignore.

For the time being, therefore, we still recommend that -- regardless of any chance of affecting national or state policies of the PTA -- our members become active in their local Parent Teacher Associations wherever that offers the best chance of bringing americanist as against collectivist influence to bear on the curricula, teaching methods, and policies of your local schools. Where there is no such chance, we urge you to form or help others to form your own local group of parents -- under whatever name -- to serve the same purpose. And in either case we also urge you to become acquainted with the teachers and administrators of your local schools, study the textbooks being used, visit meetings of your school committee, and otherwise take a lot of direct personal interest in the kind of job which your agents, whom you are paying to teach your children, are actually doing.

During the three years that this writer was a member of our local School Committee, in a residential town of thirty thousand inhabitants, the monthly meetings of our committee were invariably attended (unofficially and as self-invited guests) by three representatives of the League of Women Voters. They were always quiet, friendly, considerate -- and welcome. They were as charming ladies, and personally as well regarded, as could be found in our town. But they were also about as "liberal" as could be found in our town as well. And

they and their organization were taking a very strong and direct interest in what happened in our schools, and in which way the schools were headed. But never once in my three-year term did any members of any conservative group, or any individual conservative, attend a meeting of our committee. There are plenty of people in our town interested in seeing the best of American traditional values preserved, in our schools as elsewhere -- but not that interested. Heavens, no. Bridge or a movie is so much more fun.

But American parents and nobody else have the ultimate responsibility for the education of their children, no matter what agents or agencies they hire to do the job for them, and no matter how hard the "liberals" and "progressives" try to shift that responsibility to ever-more centralized government. The fact that "Johnny can't read," and even worse problems, are due almost entirely to the gradual abandonment of that responsibility -- under insidious cajolery from the "Left" -- to the agencies of government. One of the major functions of The John Birch Society, over the next several years, is to help mightily in restoring americanist principles and purposes to our American schools. This can be accomplished only by the cumulative effect of an infinite number of small and conscientious labors on the part of our members. And it is time we got started on that task with a will.

(9) The movie on which we were to report this time was Spartacus. It is based on a novel by Howard Fast (!); the screenplay is by Dalton Trumbo (!); it was directed by Stanley Kubrick; the "executive" producer (and hero) is Kirk Douglas; and it is billed as the most expensive picture ever made. The Communist influences in its production background are boldly undisguised. We have enough material and reports on the "whole show" for a tight condensation to fill several pages of this bulletin.

But the actual Communist propaganda in the film itself has been kept low and well camouflaged. And we simply do not have room to give you the thorough analysis on which we think protests to local theatre owners and managers should be based. While we have been delighted, therefore, to see other patriotic groups call critical attention to this spectacle, we suggest that our members 'hold their fire' until a more propitious occasion, when we can supply them more effective ammunition.

(10) Please write letters to the following.

(a) Mr. Jess Gorkin, Editor, Parade Magazine, 285 Madison Avenue, New York 17, New York. Tell him that we want no part of the direct telephone line between the White House and the Kremlin, proposed in his issue of October 30. And since Senator Kennedy went on record as favoring the proposal, mail copies of your letter to him, addressed simply to President-elect John F. Kennedy, Washington, D. C. The copies will never be read, but they will be noted and counted. Many of the letters to Parade will be read, however, and the whole protest is worth while. Goodness knows Washington is ideologically close enough to Moscow now, without making the White House a branch office of the Kremlin, or vice versa.

(b) Hon. Syngman Rhee, 2033 Makiki Street, Honolulu 14, Hawaii. Tell him not to answer the letters, but we just want him to know what a great man we all still think he is. We believe he will get a huge amount of well-deserved pleasure and encouragement from a flood of such goodwill messages.

General Comments

In every bulletin we try to give a small word of praise

or encouragement to some other toiler in the same vineyard as ourselves. This month we are making that gesture of approbation to Verne Kaub and his American Council of Christian Laymen, by enclosing one of his recent flyers. And if this additional circulation of the flyer helps to make more audiences and prospective audiences aware of Dr. Max Lerner's "qualifications" as a lecturer, we can count that as a bonus for our effort.

Also, we call attention to the Political Action Conference being put on in Washington, January 6 and 7, by Human Events. The two-day program will be studded with powerful Americanist speakers, including Barry Goldwater, Strom Thurmond, Congressman Ed Hiestand, Fulton Lewis, Jr., and many others like them. We suggest that you get the details directly from Human Events, 410 First Street, S. E., and plan to attend if you can.

There has been considerable pressure in various parts of the country to have our Chapter Leaders supply the names and addresses of their members -- usually to somebody of unquestionable patriotism and for visibly laudable purposes. Let us again warn both our Chapter Leaders and Coordinators that the names of our members are not to be given to anybody, for any purpose. We once turned down -- and lost for good -- an application for Life Membership in our Home Chapter, with a check for a thousand dollars, because it carried a condition that we tell the applicant who his fellow members were in his locality. And he was a well-known longtime fighter against the Communist menace, about whose worthy purposes there could be no slightest doubt. Our guarantee to our members that their names and addresses will not be divulged simply means what it says.

The White Book For 1960, about 300 pages, cost five dollars prepaid, containing all twelve bulletins for the year (including this one), will be coming from the printer,

ready to mail, in about a week to ten days. It is the only practicable way we know for our newer members to learn all of the bad things we have done and all of the good things we have tried to do during 1960.

We are very proud of all of our Coordinators. They are a dedicated and hardworking group. But we are going to break a precedent here -- or set one -- by mentioning particularly Brigadier General William L. "Jerry" Lee, USAF (Ret.) (written up a few years ago by the Saturday Evening Post as one of the "toughest" and ablest generals in our Air Force), who has recently become a full-time Coordinator for us (at his own expense and without pay) in the area surrounding Amarillo, Texas. What we need now is about a hundred more Jerry Lees, but we are proud to have even one.

Because this is the last bulletin of the year, let us repeat here our frequent warning: Do not carry out any of our requests which are disapproved by your own conscience. This is "a monolithic body," and we'll use our authority on the negative side, if it becomes absolutely necessary, to prevent anybody doing any damage to the Society from within -- so far as we are sufficiently forewarned and able. But on the positive side we do not want anybody, ever, to do anything for The John Birch Society which he or she does not earnestly want to do. We simply hope that you will have confidence in our integrity and purposes, and will fervently wish to carry out all or most of our requests.

And to each and every member, everywhere, we send our thanks, our kindest regards, and our very best wishes for a Merry Christmas!

Sincerely,

Robert Welch

January 17, 1961

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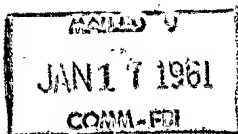
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Your letter was received on January 10, 1961,
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you of interest and assistance.

Although I would like to be of service, the
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of the Federal Government does not extend to furnishing evalu-
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of any organization, publication or individual. I can inform
you that we have not investigated the John Birch Society, but
this should not be construed as being either a clearance or
nonclearance of the group in question.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover



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NOTE: The John Birch Society is an allegedly anticommunist group
with branches throughout the United States. Its head, Robert Welch,
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and our field offices have been alerted to watch the activities of his group.
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January 4, 1960

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Now I would like to get down to the real reason I am writing this letter: I would like your true and honest appraisal of the organization known as "The John Birch Society." I would, of course, appreciate as comprehensive and objective a reply as possible. Thank you for your patience.

Sincerely Yours,

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Stamford, Connecticut

Dear Mrs. 

Your letter dated January 8, 1961, has been received, and I thank you for your kind message.

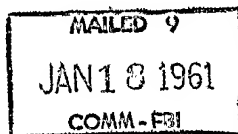
The thought prompting your writing me is very much appreciated, and I was interested in having the benefit of your observations and comments. Enclosed are publications which offer citizens suggestions as to how they can take effective action in combating the subversive forces facing us today.

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J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director



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- Introduction March, 1960, & 17th National Convention CP, USA
- How To Fight Communism
- What You Can Do To Fight Communism
- Expose of Soviet Espionage.

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Stamford, Conn.
January 8, 1961

J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

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DATE 9-2-84 BY SP6 BSK/mte

According to all sorts of surveys, the American woman is a pretty powerful person. She spends all the money, makes all the decisions, raises the children --is really a power to be reckoned with when it comes to designing cars, homes, merchandise of any kind. How does it happen then --that these powerful women --and there are millions --billions of us --are not doing something about Communism? How come lots of us are not doing anything --except putting in time in organizations that are not getting anything worthwhile done? How many millions of us are not in ANY organization --rather than be in these time-killing, get-nothing-done clubs?

Mr. Hoover, there are millions of women in America today that have time and talent to fight for America --if we just knew where to begin. I am sure there are women like I, who want to do more than just worry --or wish they could help. We aren't in any unions, we don't see many people in a day's time, we feel we are not moving fast enough just by teaching our children. We can't afford to be passive any longer when the Communists are moving so swiftly. We are the women who hate fighting --but are willing to fight for our country. Won't you please tell us how to fight?

I know there is Moral Rearmament, the Christophers --all of them teaching the same things --really. The Golden Rule --not "Who's right --but What's right" --everyone doing his own little bit to make this a better place to live in. This hasn't really been working well enough --or fast enough to keep up with the Communists --so what is the answer? How can we fight them? How can the women fight fire with fire? That is what it takes.

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The Ladies Home Journal magazine has a slogan --"~~Never underestimate~~ the power of women" --and I wish you would give this a lot of thought and come up with an answer so the women of American ~~can get busy and~~ organize against Communism. I don't think the surface has even been scratched.

I have been to one meeting of The John Birch Society --and I am anxious to know if this is a good organization --or just another one where they sit around and scare people but never give them any concrete thing to do. I never heard of it before I moved to Stamford from Miami, so I am wondering about it. I guess any organization fighting communism is a better thing than no organization, but I would like to have a part in exposing Communism for what it is --and I don't know where to begin. Maybe the American women are pictured more concerned with having wall to wall carpet --or pastel appliances, but I prefer to think that most of us are yearning to do something to help you in your fight against our enemy. Mr. Hoover --we thank you for what you have done for America --and wish you would help us find our way to help too.

Sincerely yours,

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West Chicago, Illinois

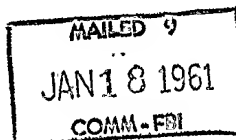
Dear Mr. [Redacted]

I have received your letter of January 10, 1961, and the interest which prompted you to write is appreciated. I want to thank you for your kind comments about the work being done by this Bureau.

The jurisdiction and responsibilities of the FBI do not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. However, I can advise you that the John Birch Society has not been investigated by this Bureau, but this should not be construed as a clearance or nonclearance of this organization by the FBI.

Enclosed is some material regarding the general subject of communism which may be of interest.

Sincerely yours,



John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Enclosures (5)

Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality
One Nation's Response to Communism
Communist Party, USA
Director's 10-18-60 speech
Expose of Soviet Espionage

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January 10, 1961

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington 25, D. C.

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DATE 9-2-87 BY SP6 BJA/mre

Being somewhat concerned with the trend of American policies, and the seemingly compromises we have so often made to the communist regime, I have tried to find some way of combating the present trend toward socialism and ultimate destruction of American ideals.

I have been told that the "John Birch Society" is a growing society dedicated to fighting the communist. I believe this society is headed by a Mr. Robert Welsh of Belmont, Massachusetts.

I would appreciate your official opinion of this society and of Mr. Welsh, so that I may be guided in the right direction and not be duped in a column of "Red", as has happened to so many other good citizens of our country.

I, as a citizen, appreciate the tremendous job you have done for our country for so many years. May God be with you.

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Dear Miss

Your letter was received on January 12, 1961,
and the interest which prompted you to write is appreciated.

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do not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning
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organization. However, I can advise you that the John Birch
Society has not been investigated by this Bureau, but this should
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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Enclosures (5)

17th National Convention, CPUSA & 3-60 LEB Introduction
Director's speech of 10-18-60
Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality
One Nation's Response to communism
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Abilene, Texas
January 9, 1961

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Mr. Hoover:

On January 5 I saw three films of The John Birch Society. They were being shown here by a group which also had a speaker here last summer, Mr. Stroube, and were advising on Communism in the United States, etc. If this organization (and Mr. Welch, who heads it) are what they seem to be, I am anxious to join and work with them.

Will you please advise me? I shall appreciate your help.

Sincerely yours,

(Miss) [Redacted]

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indicated at one time that he thought a group having the appearance of a front organization might be effective in attracting true subversives. He has, in the past, also attacked President Eisenhower and his administration in his writings. Bufiles reflect nothing derogatory on Miss [REDACTED] and we have enjoyed limited, cordial correspondence with her.

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Abilene, Texas
January 9, 1961

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

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DATE 9-7-89 BY 6834 pte

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anxious to join and work
with them. REC-82 62-104401-579
Will you please advise me?
I shall appreciate your help.

JAN 19 1961

Sincerely yours,
(Miss) [Redacted]

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January 18, 1931

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Santa Ana, California

Dear Mrs. [redacted]

Your letter postmarked January 9, 1931, has been received, and the interest which prompted you to write is appreciated.

The jurisdiction and responsibilities of the FBI do not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. However, I can advise you that the John Birch Society has not been investigated by this Bureau, but this should not be construed as a clearance or nonclearance of this organization by the FBI.

Enclosed is some material regarding the general subject of communism which may be of interest.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Enclosures (6)

3-1-60 LEB Introduction and 17th National Convention CP, USA
Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality
One Nation's Response to Communism
10-18-60 Speech What You Can Do To Fight Communism
Expose of Soviet Espionage

NOTE: No record Bufiles identifiable with correspondent.
The John Birch Society is purportedly an anticommunist organization and was founded by Robert Welch of Belmont, Massachusetts.

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Welch has been openly critical of President Eisenhower's Administration. We have not investigated the organization.

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Jan 8, 1961

Hon. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Attempts have been made in this area to villify the John Birch Society. I am a member and 100 per cent behind it and feel it is pro - American all the way.

Can you please give me your personal recommendation or approval of this Society? Thank you sincerely,

Very truly Yours

/s/ (Mrs)

[Redacted Signature Box]

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Jan 8, 1961

Hon. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

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Can you please give me your personal recommendation or approval of this Society? Thank you sincerely,

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Very truly yours

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Santa Ana, California

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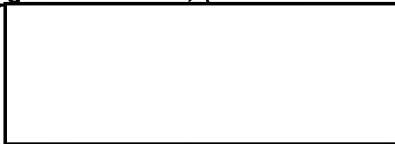
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January 18, 1961

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Abilene, Texas

Dear Miss 

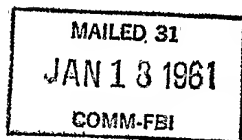
Your letter postmarked January 9, 1961, has been received, and I want to thank you for your kind message concerning the work being done by the FBI. Your best wishes also are appreciated.

In view of your interest in combating communism, I am enclosing publications available for general distribution by the FBI along such lines.

With reference to your other inquiry, I must advise that this Bureau is strictly a fact-gathering agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not make evaluations or draw conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. The FBI has not investigated the group you named; however, this should not be construed as being either a clearance or nonclearance of the organization in question.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director



Enclosures (5)

What You Can Do To Fight Communism
Series from "Christianity Today"
Press release dated 12-22-60
Director's speech of 10-18-60
Expose of Soviet Espionage

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Abilene, Texas
January 8, 1960

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

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DATE 7/7/94 BY 60604/mre

Dear Mr. Hoover:

First of all, I'd like to tell you how much I have enjoyed reading your series on the Communist Threat, which have appeared this week in our Dallas News.

Only this week, I attended a meeting wherein the "John Burk Society" was presented to us and listened to a film recording of a Mr. Welch, who appears to be the head of this organization. It was a three-hour long film, wherein he attempted to set forth the purposes of his organization and posed as one who thinks he knows all the answers to the threat of communism.

What I want to know before I join this organization or any other, supposedly to fight the threat of communism, is it on "our" side? In other words it could be communistic through and through and I want to be sure before I become a member.

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He said the headquarters were in Belmont, Massachusetts; that if you joined the Society, you took orders from head down, although you could resign any time you wished; that they wanted members through "persuasion" and not pressure; that they preferred small groups but dedicated groups; they appear to hate communism but at the same time, several points were made that did not jibe with true Americanism.

For instance, they are against the United Nations...think our Newspapers are withholding the truth....will not tolerate arguments at meetings..... saw nothing good that our Government has done within the past few years and refuse to say how many members they have or who they are. This does not sound "American" to me. I pondered and pondered after attending this meeting and since I believe in you as the champion of our country's freedom and liberties, I decided to write you and ask about this Society. I do not know where else to turn.

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There was one other thing that I did not like....it seemed to me they are endeavoring to crease "distrust" of almost everybody and every nation. They bore down on the theme that it is senseless and needless to pursue preparedness in this country. On the whole, there was something about it all that made me, at least, uneasy and that is why I am worrying you with this question.

I realize you are a very busy man, but I love my Country and want to do everything for it possible, not against it through ignorance or stupidity. Assuring you that I shall appreciate hearing from you, and with all good wishes for your continued success at the head of our Bureau in the U. S., I am

Most sincerely,

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62-104401-582 January 19, 1961

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Newport Beach, California

Dear Mr. [REDACTED]

I have received your letter of January 10, 1961, with enclosure, and the interest which prompted you to communicate with me on this occasion is indeed appreciated.

While I would like to be of assistance, the FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and does not provide evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. I can advise you, however, that the individual and the organization you mentioned have never been the subject of an investigation by this Bureau. This should not be construed as a clearance or nonclearance of the individual and organization.

In view of your concern over the menace of communism, I am forwarding, under separate cover, several items containing my observations on this subject which you may like to have.

Sincerely yours,

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USC - Expose of Soviet Espionage Struggle On A New Plane
One Nation's Response To Communism Director's speech 10-18-60
Communism: The Bitter Enemy of Religion
Series from Christianity Today Communist Party, USA
God And Country Or Communism?

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The Christian Anti-Communism Crusade is headed by Dr. Fred Schwarz. W. C. Sullivan to Belmont memo dated 9-22-60 indicates that when a Special Agent of the Bureau spoke before the Dallas Freedom Forum in Dallas, Texas, on September 19 and 20, 1960, which was sponsoring a school on communism, directed by Dr. Schwarz, the Special Agent commented that Schwarz made several pitches for articles in a book which he had written on communism, and his publications were prominently displayed. As it appeared that he was trying to capitalize on the Bureau's reputation, it was indicated that our dealings with him and his organization should become most circumspect.

Correspondent's enclosure was a stamped, self-addressed envelope which is being utilized in reply.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation,
United States Dept., Justice,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sirs;-

Being interested in the Anti-Communist Movement in my neighbourhood I find that the John Burch Society is making a good effort to building groups and giving out literature, published by the Un American Activities Committee, and publications such as American Opinion, and "What Can I Do?" by Christian Anti-Communist Crusade, P. O. Box 6422, Houston, Texas, Etc.,

Mr. Robert Welch spoke before about 200 people from the Presbyterian Church 2 months ago and had a big response.

Several of my business and Profession friends in Costa Mesa and Newport Beach are interested in anti-Communist Movement but would like to know about the reliability if the John Burch Society along with Mr. Robert Welch. Coming from you it will be a great influence in the movement against these "Masters of Deceit", by your Director, J. Edgar Hoover.

Thank you for your appraisal of the John Burch Society and Mr. Robert Welch.

Enclosed please find envelope,

Your obedient Servant,

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Sacred Heart Academy
3100 McCormick Avenue
Wichita 13, Kansas

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My dear [redacted]

Your letter dated January 10, 1961, with enclosure, has been received, and I want to thank you sincerely for your best wishes and thoughtful message.

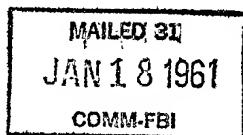
In response to your inquiry, I wish to advise that the FBI is strictly a fact-gathering agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not make evaluations or draw conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication, film or individual. I can inform you, however, that we have not investigated the group you named, but this should not be construed as being either a clearance or a nonclearance of the organization in question.

The film, "Operation Abolition," is sponsored and distributed by the Un-American Activities Committee of the United States House of Representatives, and this Bureau had no connection with its preparation. As a matter of policy I cannot, of course, make any comment with respect to it, and you may wish to direct your inquiry to the Committee which is located in Room 225, Old House Office Building, Washington 25, D. C.

In view of your interest, I am enclosing publications on the subject of communism, and I am including in the data forwarded a copy of "Communist Target--Youth." This is a detailed account prepared by this Bureau of the highly organized tactics employed by the Communist

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Party in the California demonstrations against the House Committee and it is intended to be an urgent encouragement to young people to learn the true nature of this malevolent threat, and, armed with that knowledge, to resist being duped into unlawful and unthinking action.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Enclosures (11)

Correspondent's self-addressed envelope
What You Can Do To Fight Communism
God and Country or Communism?
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Communist Party, USA
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How To Beat Communism
Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality
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Expose of Soviet Espionage
Communist Target--Youth

NOTE: Correspondent enclosed a stamped, self-addressed envelope, too small to utilize in reply.

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Sacred Heart Academy
3100 McCormick Avenue Phone Whitehall 3-3228
Wichita 13, Kansas

January 10, 1961

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
F.B.I. U.S. Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

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DATE 9/2/94 BY SP6BYP/12

Dear Mrs. Hoover:

As a teacher of I am presently concerned about correct information in regard to a "John Birch Society". I understand that it is anti-communist, but I have been receiving such conflicting statements pertinent to the Society. I believe that it is of vital importance for teachers to have correct information in regard to theories and tactics of Communism as well as of organizations opposing them. To be certain of getting correct information we decided to get it directly from you. So just what is the purpose and status of the John Birch Society? Then too what about the film "Operation Abolition"? Would you recommend it for showing in our American Government classes? The City School Superintendent of Wichita banned the film from the Public School System. However various Protestant Churches and Catholic Youth Organizations have shown the film.

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We are encouraging our students to read "Masters of Deceit" and the periodical "The Truth" (published by the Political Science Club of Marquette University High School.

Enclosed is a self addressed envelope. May God bless you and the work of the F.B.I.

Sincerely

/s/

[Handwritten signature]

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Sacred Heart Academy

3100 MCCORMICK AVENUE

PHONE WHITEHALL 3-3228

Wichita 13, Kansas

January 10, 1961

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover

F. B. I. U.S. Department of Justice
Washington, D.C.

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JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY

Dear Mrs. Hoover:

As a teacher of [redacted] I am presently concerned about correct information in regard to a "John Birch Society". I understand that it is anti-communist, but I have been receiving such conflicting statements pertinent to the Society. I believe that it is of vital importance for teachers to have correct information in regard to theories and tactics of Communism as well as of organizations opposing them. To be certain of getting correct information we decided to get it directly from you. So just what is the purpose and status of the John Birch Society? Then too what about the film "Operation Abolition"? Would you recommend it for showing in our American Government classes? The City School Superintendent of Wichita banned the film from the Public School System. However various Protestant Churches and Catholic Youth Organizations have shown the film.

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JAN 19 1961

Enclosed is a self addressed envelope. May
bless you and the work of the F.B.I.
Sincerely

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January 23, 1961

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DATE 9/17/84 BY SP6BSP/mre

Williston, North Dakota

Dear Mrs. [Redacted]

Your letter of January 11, 1961, has been received, and the interest which prompted you to write is appreciated.

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John Edgar Hoover
Director

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OFFICE TELEPHONE

HOME TELEPHONE

Williston, North Dakota

January 11, 1961.

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover,
F. B. I.
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Mr. Hoover:

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We are strong Republicans, and right wing, conservative, and are very interested in anti-communist work. We are contemplating joining the John Birch Society which has just recently been formed here. We have heard so many pros and cons about it that I finally decided to write to you concerning this Society. People wonder why there are no well known names among the members-is there any reason?

As busy as you are, I was reluctant to take up your time with this letter, but I surely would appreciate your answer for it would be my answer to a lot of talk that I hear.

We live in a very strong Farmers Union hot bed. We have been sleeping too long, and have finally come to the realization of where our country is headed. We had Herb Philbrick here this fall, and the Democrats called his meeting a Republican rally.

I will appreciate your answer.

Yours truly,

Mrs

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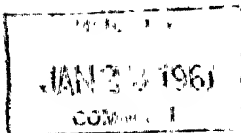
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Enclosed is some material regarding the general subject of communism which may be of interest.

Sincerely yours,



John Edgar Hoover
Director

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SOMERSWORTH, N. H.

January 13, 1961

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

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Dear Mr. Hoover:

D I have recently been asked to join an organization called the John Birch Society, the purpose of which is to fight communism.

Could you give me some information as to the rating or standing of this organization?

Hoping to hear from you in the near future, I remain

Sincerely yours,

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[Redacted]
North Hollywood, California

Mrs. [Redacted]

Dear Mrs. [Redacted]

Your card of January 9, 1961, has been received, and the interest which prompted your writing is appreciated.

While I would like to be of assistance with regard to your inquiry, the FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, is not permitted to make evaluations or comments regarding the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. Information in our files is confidential and available only for official use. I hope you will not infer either that we do or do not have information in our files regarding the organizations you mentioned.

In view of your concern, I am enclosing some material on the general subject of communism which you may like to read.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Enclosures (11)

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God and Country or Communism Communism
Communist Party, USA Communists are after our Minds
Struggle on a New Plane Communism: The Bitter Enemy
How to Fight Communism of Religion
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Mrs. [REDACTED]

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NOTE: The Bureau has not investigated the Christian Anti-Communist Crusade or Dr. Frederick Charles Schwarz, its Executive Director. Schwarz is an Australian physician who has been touring the country lecturing on communism. He uses these lectures for promoting sale of a book he has written on communism. The John Birch Society is allegedly an anticommunist organization with branches over the various parts of the country. Our field offices have been alerted to watch its activities inasmuch as its head, Robert Welch, indicated at one time that he thought a group having the appearance of a front organization might be effective in attracting true subversives. Welch has, in the past, also attacked President Eisenhower and his Administration in his writings. Since correspondent requests information relative to two organizations, the above reply is deemed advisable. Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles.

TRUE COPY

[Redacted]

N. Hollywood, Calif.
January 9, 1961

J. Edgar Hoover
F. B. I.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sirs:

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Kindly send all printed matter concerning
the Communist threat in the U. S. A. , especially if there
is information about the Christian Anti-Communist Crusade
& the John Birch Society.

Sincerely,

/s/ Mrs. [Redacted]

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NEW YORK 17

ROBERT C. HENDON

VICE PRESIDENT OPERATIONS

January 13, 1961

Dear Clyde .

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attached is from my
cousin — a prominent and
sincere gal. If there is
anything I could tell her
confidentially I'd like to do
so.

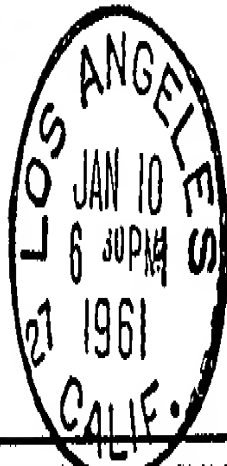
Surely hope all goes
well with the Boss and you —
am sure it will be hectic
with a new administration.
Be consoled by fact it is
hectic in industry too. Incidentally
Whizzer White as a very good
friend of mine — a nice guy.
as ever,
Bob

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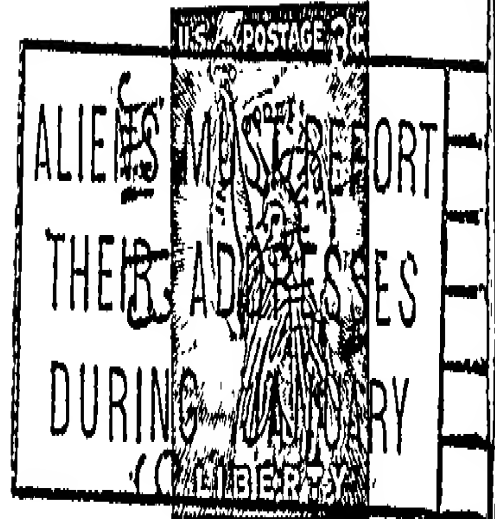
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J. Edgar Hoover
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Washington, D. C.

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H. Hollywood, Calif.
January 9, 1961

J. Edgar Hoover
F.B.I.
Washington, D.C.

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about the Christian
Anti-Communist
Crusade of the John
Birch Society.

Very
sincerely,
1-19-61
J. Edgar Hoover
[Redacted]

Don/Son

Mrs. [redacted]

Nashville 5, Tenn.

Jan. 4th, 1961

Dear Bob:

I am sure you had a happy Christmas. We certainly did, but I must say you do crowd too much into those past two weeks.

I hope you can help me find out something about the "John Birch" Society if you don't already know. It is an organization, we are told, to fight communism. I am a poor one to join anything and certainly not something I know little of. One friend, also interested, called the local F.B.I. They were not allowed to endorse any organization but did say they know nothing against it. Things seem in a pretty bad muddle right now and may be getting worse, and if there is a way to combat communism through an organization by joining and giving money it would seem an urgent thing to me.

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I went to one meeting where they showed a rather impressive movie on being encircled by communism in South America, Cuba, Mexico, etc. The people at the meeting were mostly young, intelligent, and worried. I knew most of them. I went on for I know so little about it. If you have ways of getting literature on the subject or can find out if it is worth while please let me know.

Much love to you and [redacted] Maybe you two are coming South this cold weather - if so, wish you would stop by to see us.

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BY LLOYD PARKER

Dr. Bill James Hargis is greatly concerned over what he calls the continuing drift of the country to socialism and communism.

"I am convinced that communism is winning World War III without firing a single shot or losing a single soldier, and the apathy and lethargy of God's people are responsible," Dr. Hargis said.

Tonight, Dr. Hargis, founder and director of Christian Crusade, America's largest anti-Communist organization, will have more to say about "the international conspiracy that is encircling the U.S."

He will speak on the Communist menace at 7:45 p.m. in the New Theater Nashville, 21st and Belmont Avenues, under the sponsorship of the eight local chapters of the John Birch Society.

The John Birch Society chapters, organized here early last year, have a membership of 200 which has as its slogan "Less government and more responsibility." Local chapters meet monthly to study and to take action on local projects in the fight against communism.

Dr. Hargis, who stirred up a national controversy on Communist infiltration into American churches some months ago when two of his pamphlets were quoted in an Air Force Manual, is an ordained minister in the Disciples of Christ Church. He gave up the ministry in 1950 to direct his anti-communist activities.

Interviewed Sunday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas J. Anderson, 2220 Woodmont Blvd., where Dr. Hargis is staying during his visit here, the Texas-born minister said he is convinced communism would not be a threat in this country if people were better informed.

"Our biggest crisis in the New Year," Dr. Hargis said, "is our ignorance of what communism is and how it works. It feeds on the weakness of man."

This ignorance, he said, has been responsible for more than 1,000,000 Americans to have either joined or supported Communist movements in the U.S. through 20,000 "front" organizations since 1933.

"The Communists raise \$120,000,000 a year in the U.S. and not one cent comes from Russia," Dr. Hargis added.

"If the average American citizen doubts that his beloved country is in danger, let him look about him. Let him look at what is happening in his own church denomination, his labor union, his school system, his place of entertainment, the books he reads, the movies and television shows he enjoys, the 1960 complexion of the Congress and the rulings past and present of the U.S. Supreme Court."

Dr. Hargis is also concerned over the U.S. foreign aid program.

"It has failed," he said. "We sent \$3 billion to Yugoslavia and only the other day Marshal Tito denounced us. We should give foreign aid only in the form of loans, and then refuse to give it to our belligerent enemies or our thankless friends."

Dr. Hargis is a big man with a round face and dark eyes. He lectures throughout the country and is enroute to Greenville, S.C., where he will tape 13 television shows.

In several months, he plans to return to Nashville to lead an anti-Communist meeting, "Survival, U.S.A."

The Christian Crusade, he says, exists solely to expose Communism and to tell thousands by radio, television, pamphlets, books and literature, the TRUTH about the criminal organization of communism that is seeking to destroy the freedoms in America by a "peaceful revolution."

A self-designated conservative, Dr. Hargis takes a stand against all forms of liberalism or socialism as being only steps leading the nation closer to communism. Here are some of his views recently expressed in his book "Communist America... Must it Be?"

"Chiang Kai-shek of Formosa is 'pro-Christian, pro-democratic and pro-American.'"

"Our schools and churches have been infiltrated by socialists who spread liberal, 'modernist' left-wing or Communistic philosophies."

"The American Negro, like the American people generally, is manipulated to suit the whim of the Communists."

"The United Nations is the greatest hoax ever perpetrated on the American public."

Mrs. TH. J. L. H.

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Mr. Ingram	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

Dear Clyde:

Attached is from my cousin - a prominent and sincere gal. If there is anything I could tell her confidentially I'd like to do so.

Surely hope all goes well with the Boss and you. Am sure it will be hectic with a new administration. Be consoled by the fact it is hectic in industry too. Incidentally, Whizzer White is a very good friend of mine - a nice guy.

As Ever,

Bob (Hendon)

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PERSONAL

Mr. Robert C. Hendon
Vice President Operations
Railway Express Agency, Inc.
219 East 42nd Street
New York 17, New York

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Dear Bob: Hendon

I have received your letter of January 13,
with enclosures, and I, of course, welcome the opportunity
to be of help to you.

We have received a large number of requests
for information regarding the John Birch Society and in line
with our general policy have declined to make any comment
concerning it other than to indicate the FBI has conducted
no investigation of the organization. For your confidential
information this group was organized in 1953 by Robert H.
Welch, Jr., an officer and director of the James O. Welch
Company, manufacturers of candy. Welch has characterized
the long-range goals of the Society as "less government,
more responsibility and a better world." Chapters have been
established throughout the country to conduct anticommunist
activities.

In February, 1959, we received information
that Welch had written a book entitled "The Politician" which

NOTE: Robert C. Hendon is a former SA who is on the Special Correspondents'
List on a first-name basis. Background information regarding John Birch
Society appears in Baumgardner to Belmont memo 12-8-60, captioned
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Information concerning John Birch Society appeared in George Sokolsky's
column on 1-14-61.

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Mr. Robert C. Hendon

was never published; however, a limited number of copies were sent to friends and individuals who he believed would be interested in its contents. A review of the copy we received revealed it was in the main a vicious attack on President Eisenhower. By innuendo Welch referred to President Eisenhower as procommunist. Another indication of Welch's outlook appears in his brochure concerning the Society wherein he states "You have probably never heard of John Birch, simply because the communists in Washington planned it that way." According to a recent column of George Sokolsky, Welch is currently proposing that steps be taken to impeach Chief Justice Earl Warren of the United States Supreme Court.

It was good to hear from you, and I hope this information will help you form an opinion of the John Birch Society.

Sincerely,

Clyde Tolson

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January 24, 1961

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Columbus 13, Ohio

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Handwritten: 220804
JAN 24 1961
[Signature]

Dear Mr. [Redacted]

Your letter of January 15, 1961, has been received and I can certainly understand your deep concern over the grave threat presented by communism.

Although I would like to be of assistance to you in connection with your inquiry, the FBI, as strictly an investigative agency, does not make evaluations or draw conclusions as to the character or integrity of any individual, organization or publication. I regret that I am unable to help you on this occasion, and I hope you will not infer either that we do or do not have data in our files relating to the subjects of your inquiry. In view of your interest, I am enclosing some material which you may like to read.

Sincerely yours,

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John Edgar Hoover
Director

Enclosures (9)

To All Law Enforcement Officials, 3-1-60
Communist Party, USA
How to Fight Communism
Struggle on a New Plane
Where Do We Stand Today With Communism in the United States?
God and Country or Communism?
Press Release 12-22-60
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The "American Mercury" is owned by Russell Maguire who is allegedly anticommunist and has the reputation of being bitterly anti-Semitic. The publication was the subject of a Registration Act investigation in 1958 based upon indications of an exchange of funds between Maguire and the Ambassador of the Dominican Republic. This allegation was not established and the case was closed in October, 1958.

The John Birch Society was organized by Robert Welch in December, 1958, at Indianapolis, Indiana. It is allegedly an anticommunist organization with branches over various parts of the country. Welch has been quite critical of President Eisenhower and his Administration. SAC letter 60-5 calls this organization to the attention of the field and instructs them that any information on their activities should be furnished to the Bureau.

Columbus 13, Ohio
January 15, 1961

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Director, F.B.I.
U.S. Department of Justice Building
Washington, D.C.

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Dear Mr. Hoover:

9-7-84 Spence

I am an Electrical Engineer for the Bell Telephone Laboratories in Columbus, Ohio, and a worried citizen of the United States, over the imminent Communist threat from within our own country.

I have read a considerable amount of anti-Communist literature and if half of what I read is true, only a miracle can save us from the inevitable doom of falling into Communist control without even a shot being fired.

I may be considered a radical, but I believe that something must be done about the situation. I only wish I knew what I could be doing to help stamp out this growing menace to our society.

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It may be that some of the things I have been reading are written by alarmists and I am worrying too much about nothing, but I want to know and I feel you are the only one I can turn to at this time.

I would like your opinion on the two monthly publications that I have been reading, in regard to how much of what I read can be taken as truth. The publications are:

(1) American Opinion
Publisher: Robert Welsh
Belmont 78, Mass.

(2) American Mercury
(Have been unable to buy this magazine since moving from Berkeley, California to Columbus, Ohio in August.)

I would also appreciate any other help you could give me on this subject.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

[Redacted Signature Box]

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January 23, 1961

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Charlotte, North Carolina

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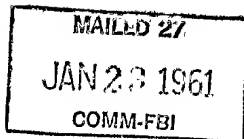
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John Edgar Hoover
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January 12, 1961
Charlotte, N. C.

United States Dept. of Justice,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover,

The "Communist" infiltration in our country has been of great concern to me for sometime. Until a few months ago, before I became a member of The John Birch Society, I felt that I was working a futile cause. I, personally, have no reason to doubt the sincerety of Mr. Bob Welch nor that of the Society. I and my family have had the pleasure of not only meeting Mr. Welch, but have had him in our home. We think he is doing a wonderful job.

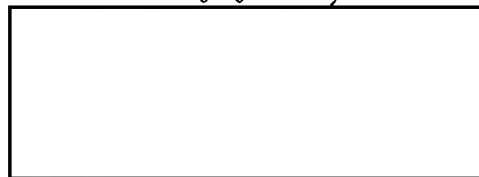
N.C. mess

It seems, however, that I find it extremely difficult to convince others of this tremendous threat to our way of life, and even more so to join an organization or "body", as Mr. Welch puts it, which seems to be doing through organized effort what so many are trying to do single handed.

Now-a-day, people want proof--proof of what I don't know. They certainly didn't ask for proof while we were being pushed into this conspiracy, and are certainly not asking for proof of bases for the Supreme Court dicisiions, but then, of course that is different, isn't it!

Any available information you may have regarding the John Birch Society would be greatly appreciated; any literature you may be able to send me which would be of help in this fight against communism would also be appreciated----particularly something for the youth of today. We have two teen-age sons who are as interested in this cause as Mr. Clark and I are.

Sincerely yours,



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Charlotte, N. C.

This is a republic,
not a democracy --
Let's keep it that way!

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CORRECTION

Copy to Mr. J. Edgar Hoover

1-20-61

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Dear Mr. Welch,

Several weeks ago I wrote you a letter in which I tried to point out the overwhelming need to combat Communism on the basis of love, still the strongest and most positive force in God's world, and from the standpoint of a good Christ-like example that requires first a real knowledge of Christ, His life, His teachings & etc, and then a knowledge of Communism... what it is, ... how it functions ... its aims & etc. This is so vital because then good people are not going to destroy the principles which they are really fighting for. Isn't it true that many of us have confused Communism with legitimate disapproval on controversial issues? Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, a sincere American patriot has said, "We must not therefore, indiscriminately label as Communists

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those whose opinions on a particular question may, on occasion, parallel the official (Communist) party position."

Mr. Hoover also warned " We must continue effective opposition to communism, but we must also, and in that very process, deepen and enrich our own heritage of freedom — our mightiest weapon in the struggle for the minds and loyalties of men everywhere."

The Communist way versus Christ's way started way back when Judas outlined his 3 point program regarding Christ and this 3 point program which opposes Christ remains today - - - - - Judas + Communism's 3 points are as you know, 1/ materialism 2/ co-existence peacefully and 3/ betrayal with a kiss.

Your intentions are sincerely American Mr. Welch I'm sure, but your methods of exploiting + pitting one against the other forces me to submit my immediate resignation!

God bless

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January 23, 1961

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Victoria, Texas

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NOTE: The John Birch Society is allegedly an anticommunist organization with branches over the various parts of the country. This organization was founded by Robert Welch in Indianapolis, Indiana, in December, 1958. Our field offices have been alerted to watch its activities inasmuch as

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Welch indicated at one time that he thought a group having the appearance of a front organization might be effective in attracting true subversives. He has, in the past, also attacked President Eisenhower and his administration in his writings.

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VICTORIA, TEXAS
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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

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Dear Mr. Hoover:

I am a conservative and anticommunist. I have been approached in regards to joining The John Burch Society. Naturally I want to be very careful not to be "duped" into joining a society that may not be all that it represents itself to be.

Would you be so kind as to inform me as to whether this society is a bonafied anticommunist organization.

I am also leary of joining any extremely radical organization, even tho it may be anticommunist. I would appreciate any information you may care to divulge in regard to The John Burch Society.

Sincerely,

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: January 17, 1961

FROM : SAC, Denver (62-New-Dead)

SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING

[redacted] Boulder, Colorado, telephonically advised this office on January 10, 1961, that several of his friends are considering the establishment of a branch of captioned society in Boulder, Colorado. He stated he is endeavoring to determine the origin and purpose of this organization.

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[redacted] advised January 11, 1961, that he had heard that a [redacted] in Boulder was endeavoring to establish a chapter or branch of this society in Boulder. [redacted] stated [redacted] is a prominent businessman in the Boulder, Colorado, area, enjoys an excellent reputation and to his knowledge has never been associated with any organizations which have been considered by him to have been connected with any Communist activity.

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[redacted] advised he will keep this office advised of the plans of this group.

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The indices of the Denver Office reflect no identifiable information about [redacted]

The above is being furnished the Bureau for its information in accordance with Bureau instructions. If in the future information is received that any subversive groups attempt to infiltrate this organization, the Bureau will be advised.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (62-104401) DATE: 1/23/61

FROM : SAC, SEATTLE (100-24754)

SUBJECT: ROBERT H. WELCH, JR.
INFORMATION CONCERNING
(INTERNAL SECURITY)

THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY

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Reference SAC Letter 60-5 dated 1/26/60.

On 12/22/60 [] an employee of the Columbia Valley Lumber Company, Bellingham, Washington, advised that he had just recently seen a lengthy film which had been shown by the local chapter of the JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY. He could not provide the name of this film but stated that it was one that had him "scared to death."

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It is possible that the film to which [] was referring is "Communism On The Map" inasmuch as it is known this film is being shown currently throughout this area.

With reference to the JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY, [] said that this organization was very active in Bellingham at the present time in a campaign to recruit additional members. He said that the person actively promoting the JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY in his city was [] Files of the Seattle Office contain no adverse information identifiable with []

This information is being provided to the Bureau as an indication that the JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY is active in the Bellingham area.

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[Redacted Address]

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Spies and more

Dear Mrs. [Redacted]

Your letter of January 11, 1961, has been received, and the interest which prompted you to write is appreciated.

The jurisdiction and responsibilities of the FBI do not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. However, I can advise you that the John Birch Society has not been investigated by this Bureau, but this should not be construed as a clearance or nonclearance of this organization by the FBI.

Enclosed is some material regarding the general subject of communism which may be of interest.

Sincerely yours,

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Series from "Christianity Today"
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One Nation's Response to Communism
Expose of Soviet Espionage

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January 11, 1961

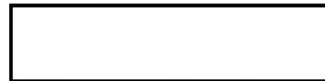
Mr J. Edgar Hoover,
Dept. of Justice
Constitution Ave and 10th Street NW
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr Hoover,

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A concerned mother

/s/



Chicago, 28, Illinois

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A concerned mother
Mrs [redacted]

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Your letter which was received on January 9, 1961, during my absence, was brought to my attention upon my return.

I certainly appreciate your comments concerning our pamphlet entitled "Communist Target--Youth," and it is a pleasure to forward, under separate cover, 200 copies of this report. Arrangements are also being made for you to receive material which is released by this Bureau from time to time.

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Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: January 20, 1961

FROM : SAC, SEATTLE (80-1262)

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

Bremerton, Washington
RESEARCH (CORRESPONDENCE AND
TOURS)

JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY

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b7cRe Bureau letter to Seattle, dated January 13,
1961.

On January 19, 1961, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Naval Torpedo Station, Keyport, Washington, who is
an established contact of the Seattle Office, informed
that the above named person has been employed as a Production
Engineer at this station for 1 and $\frac{1}{2}$ years and was previously
stationed at this same Naval Torpedo Station as a Naval
Officer for three years. He said this person is highly
regarded by the Administration Officers at the base and he,
himself, believes [REDACTED] to be an intelligent and
conscientious person.

SA [REDACTED] has also had some business
contacts with [REDACTED] and believes him to be a loyal
American Citizen, intelligent, and conscientious.

On January 18, 1961, a review of records of the
Kitsap County Credit Bureau, Bremerton, Washington, reflect
that [REDACTED] owns his own home at [REDACTED] His
wife's name is [REDACTED] they have two children, he was
formerly a Lieutenant in the United States Navy, stationed
at the Naval Torpedo Station, Keyport. He is presently a

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[redacted] at this station and formerly attended Clarkston College, Potsdam, New York. All information in the file for [redacted] favorable. The file began January, 1959.

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On January 19, 1961, a review of arrest records PD Bremerton, Washington, and Kitsap County Sheriff's Office, Port Orchard, revealed no arrests identifiable with [redacted] and his wife.